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HISTORIC MEETING BETWEEN POPE PIUS AND THE KING OF ITALY



Hungry crowds breaking into a rice shop during the riots which followed on the Japanese-engineered rise in the price of rice in Shanghai.

AT THE QUIRINAL First Visit Made For 69 Years

ROME, DEC. 28 (REUTERS)—THE BELLS OF ST. PETER'S PEALLED AS POPE PIUS XII LEFT THE VATICAN THIS MORNING FOR A VISIT TO THE KING AND QUEEN OF ITALY AT THE QUIRINAL.

The visit, which is the first made by any Pope to a King of Italy for 69 years, is regarded as a final act for sealing the settlement of the ancient dispute between the Italian State and the Vatican.

In the Vatican newspaper, Osservatore Romano, the significance of the visit as a demonstration of a settlement of a dispute by peaceful methods, was especially emphasised.

A Royal Mission awaited His Holiness in St. Peter's Square to convey to him the first greetings of King Victor Emmanuel.

The Pope and his suite then entered 18 cars which formed the Papal cortege.

At the border, between the Vatican and Italian territory, the Pope was greeted by the Governor of Rome who made a short address, stressing the historical importance of the occasion.

The route taken by the Pope had been elaborately decorated and lined with troops behind whom stood great crowds waiting to see the procession.

SCARLET HAT

The Pope was wearing a scarlet hat and a scarlet cape beneath which was a white cloak and stole.

Over 40 high dignitaries of the Church and the Papal Court were in the procession.

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ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS CAMPAIGN IN HONGKONG: MOST DAMAGING DISEASE WHICH TAKES TOLL OF LOCAL POPULATION

Malnutrition Is First Of The Five Causes

In Hongkong there are 130 funerals every day. This is stated, not to promote in you a morbid train of thought, but to invite you to take a personal interest in the greatest single problem of this Colony—Public Health—and especially to beg you to consider whether you cannot make a personal contribution towards remedying a state of affairs which can only be described as unsatisfactory.

You may be tempted to dismiss the problem as not your business, but as the inevitable accompaniment of poverty, ignorance and the bad living habits of people with whom you do not associate. But a high death-rate is everybody's business.

Apart from compassion and public spirit, the problem does affect you personally, for infection is no respecter of persons, and your own life would be happier, and less expensive to maintain, if the menaces to health could be reduced.

Most people have come at some time face to face with the tragedy of disease—relatives or friends unaccountably stricken and their lives brought to a premature end. There is no escape from communal responsibility; or, if there is, self-preservation insists upon our concerning ourselves.

Of the diseases which take toll of the Hongkong population, the most damaging is Tuberculosis. This also is probably the most frequent agent of tragedy. In order to demonstrate how serious the menace is, it is desirable to give a few figures. During the years 1936, 1937 and 1938, deaths in Hongkong attributed to the disease totalled respectively 2,416, 4,028 and 4,920.

In the same period, the proportion of deaths from Tuberculosis to every thousand deaths from all causes has risen from 92 in 1936 to 127 in 1938. The statistics so far available for the current year show an even higher rate.

THE CAUSES

Now, what can we do about this? First, let us consider the causes of Tuberculosis.

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87 DEATHS FROM T.B. IN A WEEK

Eighty-seven deaths from tuberculosis occurred in the Colony for the week ending Dec. 23, according to returns furnished by the Health Department. The total number of cases notified for the week was 119.

Other returns include 12 deaths from dysentery (31 cases notified), 5 deaths from enteric fever (10 cases notified), 4 deaths from small-pox (3 cases notified), 3 deaths from cerebro-spinal fever (3 cases notified), 2 deaths from diphtheria (15 cases notified) and one death from chicken-pox (2 cases notified).

Twenty-nine cases of tuberculosis, eight cases of dysentery, six cases of diphtheria, two cases of small-pox, one case of cholera and one case of cerebro-spinal fever were notified to the Health Department on Dec. 27.

NEW JAPANESE VENTURE

The farmers of the hinterland of Swatow are awaiting their first opium crop some time in January, writes our Swatow correspondent.

About 1,500 mow of land have been allotted by the Japanese authorities to this new venture, the farmers concerned being the owners of land in Ching Hoi and in the area along the railroad from Amphow to Chaochow.

The project was started in late November, and the farmers concerned have been promised a monopoly. To insure this an "Opium Suppression Bureau" was started recently in Swatow.

The Kowloon Chinese Chamber of Commerce, which was established recently, held a party at the Kam Thong Restaurant yesterday, during which office bearers were elected.

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GERMANY'S ECONOMIC POLICY

Military To Take Over Control

ZURICH, Dec. 28 (Reuters)—Germany's economic policy will have to be completely reorganised in the near future, declares the Berlin correspondent of the Neue Zürcher Zeitung who says that since the outbreak of war Germany's economic structure has not come up to expectations.

Increased taxation and reduction in wages have added to the difficulties and caused a considerable fall in production.

The financial policy has brought about a rise in borrowing rates and a lack of confidence in the German currency, adds the correspondent, who forecasts that early in the new year a complete reorganisation will take place and there may even be numerous staff changes in the Economic Ministry.

It is believed that German industry in the future will be placed, more or less, under the control of the military authorities.

NAZI NATIONAL INCOME

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuters)—According to the German Radio the German national income next year will be some eight milliard marks of which 30 milliards will be collected in taxes.

U.S. MUST HAVE A POWERFUL AIR FORCE

[Special to the Hongkong Daily Press]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (Havas)—The annual report of the War Secretary, Mr. Woodring, emphasised the necessity for the United States to have a powerful Air Force.

To under-estimate the value of a strong air arm "might mean the extinction of a nation's existence," he said and added that in the fiscal year 1939-40 only 23 per cent of the war expenditure was devoted to the Air Force.

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 28 (Reuters)—The Argentine Government rejected the German Note regarding the internment of the crew of the Graf Spee. The refusal was justified under the Hague Convention.

JAPANESE HARD-PRESSED IN INNER MONGOLIA: BIG CHINESE ADVANCE

PEIPING, Dec. 28 (Reuters)—Admissions made by the Japanese military spokesman yesterday show that the Japanese troops in Inner Mongolia are hard-pressed by the recent Chinese offensive. Their casualties in the fighting in Paotow totalled 100 dead, including a full colonel.

At one time the Chinese gained a foothold in the North-Western part of the city, but were driven out, the spokesman said, with heavy losses.

For a time the railway between Kweihsu and Kalgan was interrupted. Apparently the Chinese succeeded in advancing to the outposts of Kweihsu before being driven back.

The Chinese forces are led by Gen. Fu Tso-yi, former Governor of Suiyuan.

ENVELOPING ATTACKS
NANYANG, HONAN, Dec. 28 (Central)—Chinese forces are continuing their vigorous enveloping attacks on Sinyang, battle-torn town on the Peiping-Hankow Railway, in South Honan, and Changtowan, 14 miles north of Sinyang.

Following an entry into Sinyang on Christmas Day, the Chinese

withdrew the following day. They have now thrown a thick cordon around the town.

On the Changtowan sector, the Chinese have recaptured more strategic points in the suburbs, thus tightening their siege of the town.

RELENTLESS PUSH

FANCHENG, HUPEI, Dec. 28 (Central)—About 2,000 Japanese reinforcements in more than 200 motor lorries rushing to Kingshan, Chungshiang and Tungchiao in central Hupei, were intercepted on Tuesday. The Japanese

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FINANCIAL POSITION IN FRANCE

Much Stronger Than In 1914

SPECIAL TO THE H.K. DAILY PRESS
PARIS, Dec. 28 (Havas)—The Senate unanimously voted on the ordinary budget estimates for the 1940-41 fiscal year, providing for a total revenue of 79,247 million francs and total expenditure of 78,839 million francs. It was stated that the total expenditure, including the extraordinary war budget, may reach 300 billion francs next year.

M. Gardy pointed out that France's financial position at present was much stronger than in 1914. He added that however effective taxation may be, a loan will constitute the main source of war financing.

"MONKEY GLAND" SURGEON IN FRENCH ARMY



DR. VORONOFF

SPECIAL TO THE H.K. DAILY PRESS
NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (Havas)—Dr. Serge Voronoff, well-known French surgeon, famous for his "monkey gland" rejuvenation theory, left for France today to serve as a surgeon in the French Army. He will be entrusted with a special section for the treatment of skin and bone diseases.

Dr. Voronoff has just completed a lecture tour in North and South America.

RESIGNATION OF BISHOP

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuters)—The resignation of the Right Rev. F. L. Norris, Bishop of North China, has been accepted by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The Right Rev. T. A. Scott, at present Bishop of Shantung, has been appointed to succeed him.

No Shortage Of Coins In Hongkong: Present Stocks Ample To Meet Chinese New Year Demand

Official circles deny knowledge that any shipment of subsidiary coins intended for Hongkong was lost through the recent sinking of a ship in European waters, as was exclusively reported in the Hongkong Daily Press yesterday.

It is stated that there is no shortage of coins in the Colony.

In connection with this question, the following communication has been received from the Hon. Mr. H. R. Butters, Financial Secretary: "Sir—I am directed to inform you that the attention of Government has been drawn to a report published on page 1 of your issue of December 28, 1939, under the heading 'Subsidiary Coins For Hongkong Lost.'"

As I already informed your reporter in answer to his telephone inquiry on Tuesday last Government has no information in confirmation of the report and it will be appreciated that the value of the shipment mentioned is approximately ten times that of a normal shipment under peace-time conditions.

Government has no official information that 10 cts. coins have yet been shipped from the United Kingdom. It is known that two shipments of 5 cts. pieces are at present in Far Eastern waters, and the arrival of these will ensure that there will be no shortage of 5 cts. coins for the Chinese New Year trade.

Present Government stocks of 10 cts. pieces are ample to meet the Chinese New Year demand and the only effect of delay in the delivery of new 10 cts. coins would be that demonetization of silver coins may have to be deferred. At present silver subsidiary coin is still legal tender in the Colony.

It is hoped that the public will show its customary good sense and resist any attempt to exploit

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GIVE FULL CO-OPERATION IN THE FIGHT AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS

TRIBUTE FETCHES HIGHEST PRICE AT SALE OF PONIES

H.K. SPORT RESULTS 1938-39 SEASON

INTERPORT FOOTBALL
Feb. 19—Hongkong 4 v. Manila 1;
Feb. 20—Chinese 5 v. Manila 3;
Feb. 22—Rest 4 v. Manila 3.

VISIT OF STRAITS CHINESE
April 1—Straits 0 v. South China 3; April 2—Straits 3 v. H.K.F.A. 3; April 3—Straits 1 v. Combined Chinese 0.

INTERPORT RUGBY
Feb. 4—Club 19 v. Malaya 19;
Feb. 7—Navy 8 v. Malaya 17; Feb. 11—Hongkong 18 v. Malaya 11.

Feb. 18—Hongkong 11 v. Shanghai 12; Feb. 20—Services 8 v. Shanghai 3.

INTERPORT HOCKEY
Men—Feb. 19—Macao 2 v. Hongkong 2; April 18—H.K. 2 v. Macao 0 (at Macao).

Ladies (in Shanghai)—April 8—Shanghai 0 v. Hongkong 4; April 9—Rest 2 v. Hongkong 4; April 10—Greens (Shanghai champions) 1 v. Hongkong 8.

KOWLOON MARATHON RACE
Won by C. Brown, of H.M.S. Grampus.

SENIOR SHIELD FOOTBALL
Winners—South China "A", runners-up—Police.

SUNDAY HERALD INTERNATIONAL CHARITY CUP
Winners—China; runners-up—Portugal.

GOVERNOR'S CUP
Won by Hongkong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation.

KOTEWALL CUP
Won by South China Athletic Association.

LAI WAH CUP
Won by the Chinese.

SENIOR LEAGUE
Winners—South China "A"; runners-up—Eastern.

JUNIOR LEAGUE
Winners—South China; runners-up—Middlesex.

DIV III LEAGUE
"A" Section—Winners—Royal Scots; runners-up—30th Battery R.A.

"B" Section—Winners—Royal Air Force; runners-up—Stonecutters Wireless Station.

CHARITY MATCHES
Oct. 1—S.C.A.A. 4 v. Rest 1; Oct. 10—Chinese 3 v. Foreign 1; November 12—Rest of Colony 3 v. Combined Services 2.

Flummery Will Be Given Away Free On Application

SIX OF THE TEN PONIES OFFERED FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION at the Paddock of the Hongkong Jockey Club yesterday evening were sold, four were withdrawn, two because the bidding did not reach the reserve level, and two because there were no bids for them.

Mr. E. V. M. R. de Sousa was the auctioneer, and there was a fairly large and representative gathering present.

The highest figure was for Tribute (lot No. 9) a 1938 Sub. Griffin, winner and many times placed, whose soundness was guaranteed by the owner. The pony was knocked down to Mr. Tang Man-wa for \$450.

Flummery—Australian bay 14.3 hands, hunter and steeplechaser who has won and been many times placed at Kwant. There were no bids for this pony and it was announced that the animal will be given away free to anyone wanting it. Application should be made to the secretary of Jockey Club.

The other ponies sold were: Lot No. 1 The Mermaid, 1939 Sub. Griffin chestnut 14 hands. Winner at Macao. Bought by Mr. T. C. Yuen for \$50.

Tiger Eyes—1939 Sub. Griffin. Skew. 13.3 hands. Winner at Kwant. Bought by Mr. T. H. G. Brayfield for \$50.

Factorite—1939 Griffin Chestnut mare, 14 hands. Bought by Mr. S. W. Tang for \$50.

Gold Sovereign—1936 Sub. Griffin, bay, 14.1 hands, winner and placed many times. Bought by Mr. F. M. I. Soares for \$35.

Soldier of China—1934 Griffin, grey, 14.1 hands. Winner and placed many times. Bought by Mr. Lee for \$50.

NO BIDS
No bids were made for Soldier of Scotland, a 1936 Australian griffin of 14.1 hands, grey, and winner and many times placed, and for High Tower, a 1939 Sub. Griffin of 14.1 hands and the two ponies were withdrawn.

The reserve price of \$1,500 for each of the ponies National Pride and Pinfarthings. The bidding for National Pride, 1938 griffin of 14.1 hands; grey, winner and twice placed in 1938, reached \$750 but went as high as \$1,400 for Pinfarthings winner of many races, before the animals were withdrawn.

A condition attached to the sale of The Mermaid and Tiger Eyes was that the ponies will not be exported from Hongkong during the currency of the present Sino-Japanese hostilities.

Small Units Hockey Team Beaten

GUNNERS IN GOOD FORM

The Combined Small Units Hockey Team were beaten 5-1 by the 8th Heavy Regiment, R.A. in a friendly hockey match played at Soekunpoo yesterday, neither team being at full strength.

LACK OF SUPPORT

Small Units failed for lack of support from the intermediate line, where only Bagh Singh, the pivot, appeared to be at home.

The 8th Heavy Regiment were in good form, the forward line being exceptionally strong. Gnr. Marshall, centre-forward, scored a hat-trick before half-time, two further goals being added after the interval by Joginder Singh and Shangara Singh. Coombe scored for Small Units.

THE TEAMS

The teams were: 8TH HEAVY REGIMENT, R.A. L/Bdr. Smith; Major Hunt, Bdr. Pidgeon; Gnr. Hannan, Lt. Hook, and Hav. Sardara Singh; Bdr. Anderson, Nk. Joginder Singh, Gnr. Marshall, L/Nk. Shangara Singh, and Gnr. Ajalb Singh.

COMBINED SMALL UNITS: Sgt. Bartlett (R.A.M.C.), L/Cpl. Locke (R.A.O.C.), L/Cpl. Holland (R. Signals); Cpl. Govier (R.A.S.C.), Nk. Bagh Singh (I.H.C.) and Dvr. Logan (R.A.S.C.); Sgt. Stone (R.A.S.C.), Lt. Belton (R.A.O.C.), Major Harvey (R.A.M.C.), Cpl. Spare (R. Signals), and Sig. Coombe (R. Signals).

ANNUAL MATCH AT POKFULAM

University Past v. Present

The annual University Past v. Present cricket match will be played on the University ground, Pokfulam, on Monday, January 1, 1940, commencing at 11 a.m.

The following teams have been selected:

"Past": D. J. N. Anderson, A. Bakar, E. A. Lee, D. Hung, C. W. Lam, A. T. Lee, A. H. Rumlahn, W. Hong Sling, J. L. Young Saye, E. Zimmermann, and F. R. Zimmermann. "Present": W. S. Gegg, R. Singh, G. Hong Choy, J. Tsui, K. Y. Tam, K. S. Oh, C. N. Matthews, N. C. Sen Gupta, Syed Mahmood, V. Lingam, and R. Soares.

CRAIGENGOWER CRICKET

The following have been selected to represent the Craigenower Cricket Club in a friendly cricket match against the Club de Recreio tomorrow, commencing at 2 p.m., on the home ground:—E. Zimmermann (Capt.), P. J. Billimoria, A. R. H. Esmail, A. J. Hulce, A. K. Ismail, A. T. Lee, E. A. Lee, H. P. Lim, G. Souza, G. Winch, F. R. Zimmermann, and G. Ladd, Scorer—H. W. Randall.

The Recreio team has not been selected as yet.

SENIOR SHIELD SOCCER

S. CHINA TEAMS FOR TOMORROW

The South China "A" team to play against Kwong Wah in the first round of the Senior Shield tomorrow, has been selected as follows:—Tam Kwan-kon; Lee Tin-sang, Mak Shu-hon; Lau Hing-choi, Leung Wing-chiu, Soong Ling-sing, Tang Kwong-sum, Fung King-cheong, Lee Wal-tong, Lai Shu-wing and Ip Pak-wah.

The following have been selected to represent South China "B" in their Senior Shield match against Kowloon F.C. tomorrow at Caroline Hill:—Cheung Wing-choi; Yuen Shiu, Hau Yung-sang; Yeung Kan-po, Lam Tak-po, Lau Ting-sang; Yeung Shu-yick, Tam Chan-kin, Chan Tak-fai, Tam Woon-cheung, Luk Tat-hang.

FRIENDLY CRICKET MATCHES

The Royal Army Ordnance Corps played a Married v. Single cricket match at Soekunpoo on Wednesday. The Benedicts won by six wickets.

BACHELORS: 139 (Boocock 61, Phillips 25, Buckle 3 for 44, Vau-ginaux 3 for 16).

MARRIED: 177 (Munton 85 retired).

SCHOOL MATCH

In a friendly cricket match played on Wednesday, Diocesan Boys' School beat La Salle College.

LA SALLE: 18 (Burch 4 for 2, White 3 for 2).

D.B.S.: 52 (Macaulay 34; Apple 15 for 16, D'Almada 5 for 28).

HOCKEY CHATTER

BY "RECORDER"

Khalisa Sikh Dhivan, the youngest member of the Hongkong Hockey Association, made their "big match" debut on Sunday morning when they met the Central British Association at King's Park, and emerged the giants-killers of the week, winning by the only goal of the match.

However, the giant that Khalisa slew was a rather lame one, the C. B. A. being two short and fielding only four members of their regular senior team line-up. Khalisa's goal, too, was adjudged by some a doubtful one. But to win is to win, and all credit to the new team.

The Khalisa Sikh Dhivan have, without doubt, a strong team. They fielded no star attraction of local hockey, while the C. B. A. had on the field four outstanding players in the Whitley brothers, G. H. Fowler and V. C. Bond. Khalisa played what may be described as a combined Radio and K. I. T. C. team, but they did not draw on the best players these two Clubs have to offer.

While Khalisa was battling the C. B. A. on the latter's ground, another match was being played on the ground above that was certainly one of the most disappointing of the season. The Nomads were out to take one or both points off Recreio, but they did not succeed. The winners were not playing like champions, and the Nomads, as a team, were even more disappointing.

Two games in the Tournament will be played off over the coming week-end, Radio meeting the Nomads on Saturday afternoon at Caroline Hill, and Radio, again, meeting the Royal Engineers at Soekunpoo on Sunday morning.

If the Nomads are to beat Radio, they will certainly have to put a much better display than they managed against Recreio. This game will hardly approach in interest to Sunday's game, when Radio, stronger than they have yet been, this season meet the Royal Engineers.

The Sappers may reasonably be expected to drop their first points to Radio, but should they be able to field a full team, as Radio will, they may surprise. The Champions will field a team that will include Carter, recovered from a leg injury, and also Jagjeet Singh, another player who was on the sick list. Pinto will be their only absentee of importance.

The Cael Clark Cup competition is taking another week's rest, but the Brawn Cup teams swing into action again on Saturday. One postponed match, that between Recreio and the C. B. S., will be played off, and there are in addition two regular fixtures. Ladies are at home to the Argonauts, and St. Andrew's to the D. G. S.

C. B. S. should beat Recreio, and the D. G. S. should beat St. Andrew's. The third game will be the most interesting one. "Y" Ladies are strong, though not invincible. Argonauts are the only unbeaten team in the competition, but they lack dash. It is difficult to predict the winner.



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GOOD SCORES AT SPOON & PRACTICE SHOOT AT STONECUTTERS' RANGE

Forty members shot at 200, 500 and 600 yards on Saturday last in ideal weather and some good scores were made.

Mr. J. A. Guard of D.R.C., topped the list, firing with accuracy sights by scoring 101. The Handicap spoon S.R. (b) was won by Mr. A. Simpson, of the D.R.C.

Mr. S. Croft, of D.R.C., won the Nett Spoon with open sights, while Handicap spoons went to Mr. V. R. J. Merrett, D.R.C., and Pte. J. Fonseca, H.K.V.D.C.

LEADING SCORES
The leading scores were:—

S.R. (b)
Mr. J. A. Guard 200 500 600 Tl.
" 2 33 34 34 101

HONGKONG GOLF CLUB

Christmas Meeting Competitions

The following are the results of the Christmas Meeting Competition held by the Royal Hongkong Golf Club:

Bogey Par Pool (Old Course): T. Low (13) and J. M. Tomlinson (12) tied with 1 up and divide. There were 80 entries.

Medal Round (Old Course): J. T. Smith 74 scratch 74 and W. J. E. Mackenzie 90—16=74 tie and divide.

T. Low, who returned a score of 82—13=69, cannot take the prize as this was the same round as the winning one in the Par Pool. There were 24 entries.

Bogey Par Pool (New Course): H. Overy (20) one up. There were 47 entries.

Mixed Bogey Par (New Course): Mrs. W. N. A. Smalley (18) and J. W. Mayhew (10) all square. There were 21 entries.

Hole in One: Mrs. E. S. Doughty holed out in one at the 6th on the Relief Course (Tea Table) 121 yards.

JANUARY PROGRAMME

Kowloon City Range:
Jan. 3: Spoon and practice 200, 500 and 600 yards.
Jan. 10: Spoon and practice 300, 500 and 600 yards.

Jan. 17: Spoon and practice 200, 500 and 600 yards S.R. (a).
Jan. 24: Spoon and practice 200, 500 and 600 yards.

Jan. 28: Programme which will be arranged by Dockyard Rifle Club, will be notified later.

Jan. 31: Spoon and practice 200, 500 and 600 yards.

Stonecutters' Naval Range:
Every Saturday afternoon.

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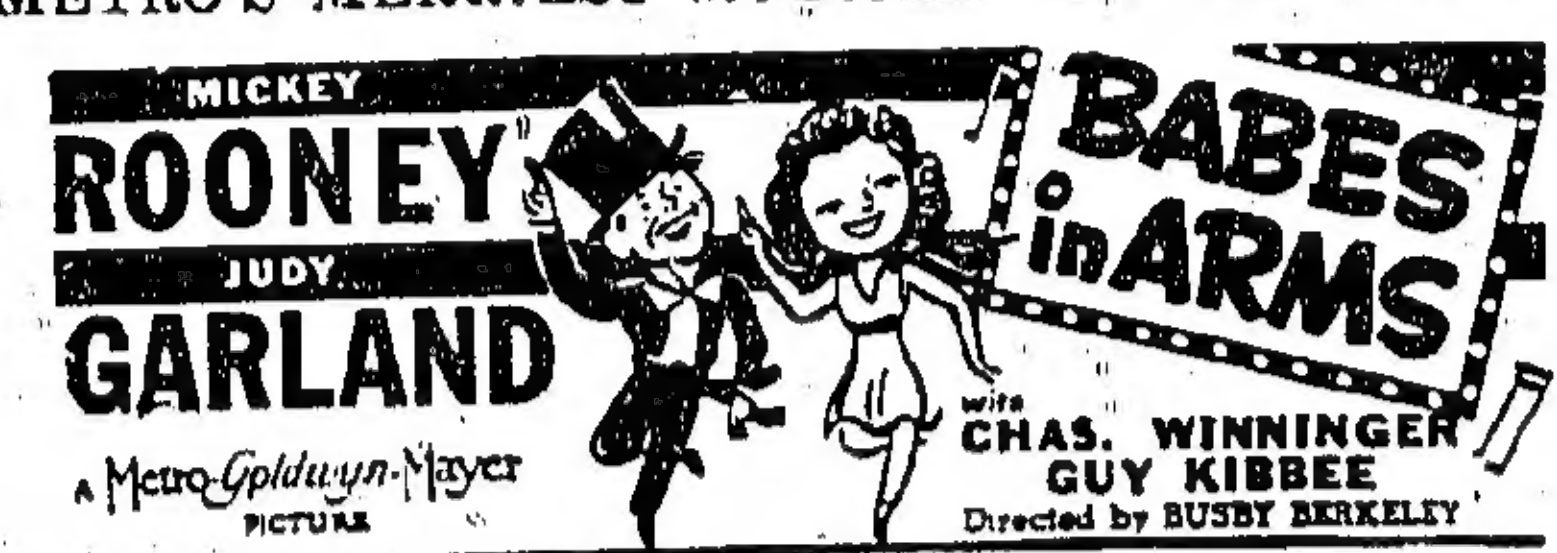
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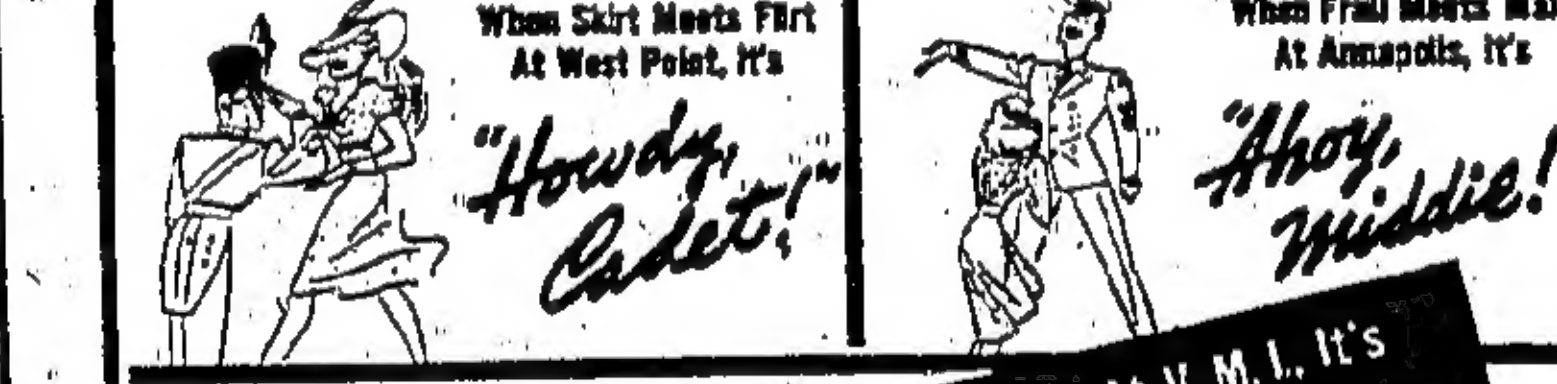
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COMING EVENTS

DEC.

29—Tides: High 12.05 p.m. and 11.04

p.m. Low 5.35 a.m. and 4.37 p.m.

Sunrise: 7.05 a.m.; Sunset: 5.45 p.m.

China Light and Power Recreation Club Dance, 9 p.m.

Diocesan Boys' School, Charity Dance, 8.30 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Games Morning, 10 a.m.

Cheong Club, Darts, Ping-Pong and Billiards

Sino-American Inst. of Cultural Relation, 8th Luncheon Meeting at H.K. Hotel, 1 p.m.

Speaker—Mr. Theodore Herman on "One Year of the Chinese Industrial Co-operatives"

Second Battalion, Royal Scots, Children's Fair at San Wal Camp, Fanling

St. John's Cathedral Hall, Volunteer Nursing Detachment—Lecture on First Aid, 5.30 p.m.

"Helena May Inst. Christian Fellowship, 10.30 a.m.

St. H. Chater Room, St. Andrew's, 6.45 p.m.

Catholic Cathedral, Solemn Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, 5 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Po Hing Theatre—Charity Performance, 12 noon—4 p.m.

Cheong Club, Darts, Ping-Pong, Billiards

30—Tides: High 12.58 p.m. and 11.55 p.m. Low 6.17 a.m. and 5.17 p.m.

Sunrise: 7.05 a.m.; Sunset: 5.45 p.m.

Claims against estate of Leung Chan Tak Yan due

R.A.M.C. Assn. Grand Dance, Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

Institute of Business Administration, English Forum (Chinese) Christmas Fair at Metropole Hotel, 8 p.m.

St. John's Cathedral Hall, Happy Valley Sunday School Tea Party, 4 p.m.

Second Battalion, Royal Scots, Concert at San Wal Camp, Fanling

31—Tides: High 1.45 p.m.; Low 7.02 a.m. and 6.14 p.m.

Sunrise: 7.01 a.m.; Sunset: 5.49 p.m.

New Year's Eve

Rival Day: Luncheon at Filipino Club, 1 p.m.

St. Andrew's Church: Old Year's Day Services

Football Shield, First Round

Y.M.C.A. Pantomime, 9 p.m.; Discussion Group, 9 p.m.

Softball League

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report

1.03 Terence Casey at the Organ

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'BROTHER RAT' AT MAJESTIC

With Wayne Morris and Priscilla Lane as its stars, "Brother Rat," which is proclaimed as the best comedy ever made, opens at the Majestic Theatre today. This is the Warner Bros. picture of the famed stage comedy that took Broadway by storm and ran for two years there with three road-show companies touring the country. "Brother Rat" is laid in and about the Virginia Military Institute, which is by no means co-educational, and the photoplay has nary a song nor a tap-step in it. Other notables in the cast, besides the stars, Wayne and Priscilla, and Eddie Albert and Jane Bryan, include Johnnie Scat Davis, Jane Wyman, Ronald Reagan, Henry O'Neill, Gordon Oliver, Jessie Busley, William Tracy, Olin Howland, Louise Beavers.

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1 Who was the Irish god of the sea?

4 Upholstered seat

8 A valley in the Tyrol

12 Palm leaf

13 Heap

14 Newspaper paragraph

15 Who was the Greek goddess of dawn?

16 Genus of swans

17 Following

18 Kind of wheat

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22 Withered

23 Prophet

24 Dutch liquid measure

27 Maple

29 The great artery

31 What was the name for an adherent of the Zoroastrian religion?

34 Instrument for scraping bones

35 Town in Nebraska

36 Come by

37 Linguistic stock of Indo-China

38 Seasoning

40 What is the native name of Peralia?

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46 Aboriginal of New Zealand

47 Rate for exchanging currency

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51 Japanese herb

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Long Talk In Washington

LORD LOTHIAN SEES MR. HULL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (Reuter)—Lord Lothian and Mr. Cordell Hull conferred at length yesterday. It is intimated that the Pan-American protest against belligerent naval activity in the so-called "Neutrality Zone" and economic matters connected with the war were discussed.

After the conference, Mr. Cordell Hull stated that the British reply to the protest could be expected soon. On the other issues, no conclusions of any kind were reached.

U.S. POSITION

Mr. Hull told press representatives that the position of the United States regarding the two-way blockade of Germany by the Allies did not arise, as no instance of interference with American cargoes had yet been brought to the attention of the State Department.

U.S. REACTIONS TO CHRISTMAS DAY MESSAGES

Nazi Declaration Shocks Americans

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (Reuter)—The Christmas declarations made by King George and M. Daladier are considered favourable and are contrasted with those of the Nazi leaders by the American press.

CAUTIOUS WORDS

The Boston Herald says that the statements by the King and M. Daladier are more understandable to Americans because they spoke in the cautious words of rulers who recognise their responsibilities to their peoples.

"WE ARE SHOCKED"

"Conversely, we are shocked by the Christmas message of Herr Hess in which he said that the German nation feels that God has sent us a man, because the man referred to is not Jesus, but Hitler."

British Envoy's Visit To Chungking To Seek Solution Of Tientsin Issues

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter)—Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, British Ambassador to China, will reach Chungking in the next ten days on one of his periodic visits and will discuss current questions with the Chinese Government, including various suggestions for the solution of the Tientsin issues.

NO AGREEMENT YET

No agreement on these issues has yet been reached between the British and Japanese Governments. The Asahi Shimbun statement that "everything depends on the British attitude" is manifestly incorrect, since the outcome also depends upon the views of the Japanese and Chinese Governments.

It is, of course, the object of the Ambassador's visit to Chungking to obtain, if possible, the consent of the Chinese to some reasonable arrangement which will dispose of this troublesome question.

SECOND VISIT

SHANGHAI, Dec. 28 (Reuter)—It is authoritatively stated that Sir Archibald Clark Kerr will be leaving for Chungking on Saturday, accompanied by Lady Kerr.

This is the Ambassador's second visit to Chungking since the outbreak of war in Europe.

SHUT UP IN MILITARY PRISON

BRITISH OFFICIAL DETAINED BY NAZIS

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 28 (Reuter)—A description of his detention by the Nazis was given to the Oslo correspondent of the Telegram by Mr. George Vereker, Acting Counsellor at the British Embassy in Moscow.

Mr. Vereker said he wanted to go to England via Riga, Sweden and Norway and had, therefore, booked his passage on an Estonian boat which was taking seventy-five Polish refugees to Sweden, presuming that no German warship would be met in this part of the Baltic.

UNDER-ESTIMATED

"But I under-estimated" said Mr. Vereker. "We were almost in sight of Stockholm, although still outside territorial waters, when a German auxiliary cruiser, of 15,000 tons, appeared and ordered us to stop. The Germans came on board and took the passengers as prisoners."

Mr. Vereker then described his landing at the German control port of Swinemunde, where he was shut up in a military prison. Although imprisonment was unpleasant, he said, his situation was agreeable as possible in the circumstances.

The Germans treated him with great correctness and sympathy and denied him nothing but his freedom.

When the order for his release came, he travelled by car to Sassnitz and then by regular boat to Sweden.

NAZIS PUT UP A SHOW FOR HITLER

PARIS, Dec. 28 (Reuter)—The failure of what may have been a little military show for Herr Hitler's personal benefit was the only incident marring the complete calm on the Western Front yesterday.

The Official German News Agency reported that the Fuehrer was present in the front line south of Saarbruecken.

RAID FAILS

Approximately at the spot where Herr Hitler was supposed to be, the Germans sent over a raiding party. If Herr Hitler really had been there, he must have heard the rattle of machine-gun and the explosion of grenades. The raid ended with the Germans falling back on their own lines, leaving an officer and two N.C.O.s on the field.

FIERCE AIR BATTLE OVER SIAN

THREE JAPANESE PLANES DOWNED

LANCHOW, Dec. 28 (Central)—In one of the fiercest air battles ever staged, three Japanese war planes were shot down by Chinese pursuits over Lanchow on Tuesday.

THREE GROUPS

During the dog fight in which no less than 99 Japanese planes took part in three groups, the local Air Defence Headquarters estimated that more than ten enemy machines were damaged. Of the three brought down, the wreckage of one has been found at Yuchung. A search for the other two is being made.

The Japanese raiders concentrated their bombing on the outskirts of the city, raining scores of demolition and incendiary missiles and destroyed a large number of houses.

RAIDS CHALLENGED

Chinese pursuit planes took to the air and challenged the raiders. The heavy bombers were out-maneuvred and chased out of formation. Three of the bombers were put out of action by Chinese fire and crashed in midair.

All the Chinese planes participating in the air fight returned to their base safely. It is announced.

FIRES STARTED

Several fires started by the incendiaries from Japanese planes were soon put out by the excellent work of fire squads with civilian co-operation.

Although indisposed, Gen. Chu Shao-liang, Chairman of the Kansu Provincial Government, personally directed first aid work and visit the bombed districts where a large number of civilians were homeless and destitute.

HENGYANG RAIDED

HENGYANG, Dec. 28 (Central)—Hengyang, on the Canton-Hankow Railway, 113 miles south-west of Changsha, in South-East Hunan, was visited by Japanese aircraft twice yesterday.

During the first visit six machines dumped a number of bombs in the outskirts. The second visit was in the nature of a reconnaissance flight.

EIGHTEENTH CENTURY COSTUMES

PUPPET ARMY'S UNIFORMS

HELSINKI, Dec. 28 (Reuter)—Arrivals from Tallin have an amusing story to tell of the puppet Government set up by the Soviets at Terijoki, which calls itself the "Finnish Peoples' Government," although it has few people to govern.

TOY ARMY

The puppet Government now got its own toy Army. Unfortunately, the Army has no uniform of its own and the Soviets are too busy fighting the Finns to be able to provide them with any.

The Museum was accordingly ransacked and the toy Army is now fitted out with military costumes of the early Eighteenth Century.

THE RED STAR

The costumes are worn exactly as they were 200 years ago, with one exception. In the middle of each cocked hat now appears a Red Star.

INDIA'S SAFETY DEPENDENT ON BRITAIN

NEW DELHI, Dec. 28 (Reuter)—The President of the All-India Liberal Federation said that the greatest danger to democracy in India was what he called the totalitarian spirit prevailing in the Congress and Moslem League.

In a reference to the international situation, he said that India's safety depended on intimate association with the British Commonwealth.

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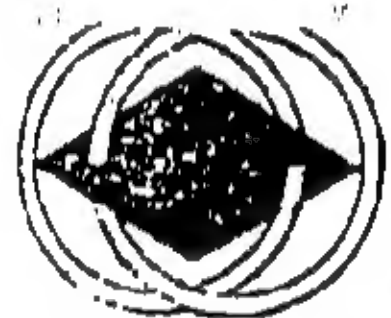
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THE UIGHURS & KASAKS OF SINKIANG

Interesting Talk At Y's Men's Club By Former Chinese Official

Formerly a Commissioner of Foreign Affairs for Sinkiang and Consul for China in Vladivostok, Mr. Aitcher K. Wu was the speaker yesterday at the weekly tiffin meeting of the Y's Men's Club at the St. Francis Hotel.

Mr. Wu spoke on the social customs of the Uighurs and Kasaks of Sinkiang, basing his narrative on actual experience gained in the province in 1932-35 in the Chinese Government Service.

The total area of Sinkiang the speaker said, was about 5,500,000 square li, the province being 1-1/2 times the size of the whole of Manchuria, and more extensive in area than the British Isles, France and Germany put together.

14 RACES

The province is populated by 14 races, the Chinese, Manchus, Mongols, Uighurs, Tungans, Kasaks, Hsi-po, Siao-lun, Chahar,

Togut, Kirghiz, Tartars and White Russians.

The Manchus in Sinkiang still use their own language and speak Manchu dialect among themselves, whereas the Manchus in Peking and even in Manchuria have long since forgotten their mother tongue.

The Uighurs make up about 70 per cent of the total population of Sinkiang. They are Mohammedans and strict in the observance of their faith.

EUROPEAN STYLES

In dress, the Uighurs tend to European style and away from the Chinese.

They all wear a peculiar and much decorated cap, men wearing this on the back of the head and women on the front. All men and women wore high boots coming right up to the knee and never under any circumstance any other kind of footwear.

They practice polygamy, their religion permitting them four wives and no more. Old men may frequently be seen with young wives, and the Uighur males are peculiarly capable of keeping the peace among the females in their harem.

DIVORCE COMMON

Divorce is common, but marriage is permitted only six months after the decree. Couples can be reunited if they wish. Two such reunions are permitted with no condition being imposed, but should the couple wish to be reunited a third time, the law decrees that they prove each sexual relationship with another party, the intention of the law being thus to bring shame upon those who are unduly fickle.

NOMADS OF SINKIANG

The Kasaks, the speaker said, are the nomads of Sinkiang. They eat only meat and never touch vegetables, cereals, or other food. They are very fond of food in

MEMORIAL SERVICE TO LATE PROF. J. D. BUSH

It was announced by Mr. C. F. Wong at yesterday's Y's Men's tiffin meeting that a memorial service to the late Professor J. D. Bush will be held, probably at St. Paul's Church, at some date between January 15 and 20.

A subscription list is shortly to be sent round and, if a sufficiently large sum of money is collected, it is proposed to create a scholarship in memory of Professor Bush.

A.R.P. ORDERS

A.R.P. Orders issued by Wing-Commander A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, O.B.E., Director of Air Raid Precautions.

TRAINING

Forthcoming Lectures:—Practical Course in English for Warden Instructors only will be held at the Director of Air Raid Precautions Office, Lower Albert Road, as follows:—

For Men:—On Tues. and Thurs. at 5.45 p.m. commencing January 9, 1940. Lecturer:—Mr. R. P. Dunlop, B.Sc.

For Ladies:—Wednesdays and Fridays, commencing January 10, 1940, at 5.45 p.m. Lecturer:—Mrs. E. F. Dunlop, B.Sc.

Instructors wishing to attend these classes should send in their names to the A.R.P. Department, Lower Albert Road.

A.R.P. Lectures in Chinese:—Shamshuipo Public Dispensary—Mondays and Thursdays, at 7.30 p.m. commencing December 28. Lecturer:—Mr. Kwan Yew Kwen, L.A.G.I.

A.R.P. Examination for Chinese Candidates:—Yau-mat Government School, Nathan Road—Thursday, December 28, at 7 p.m. for wardens.

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baked form, and their most delicious food is a sausage made of horse meat.

The meat used is from a three or four year old horse, minced and then put into horse gut and baked over sheep's manure, which serves as the best fuel. They drink tea with milk and also kumis.

They like to entertain guests, and any stranger who comes to their hut is asked to stay indefinitely. They serve their guests always with fresh meat, and should a guest complain to the chief that one of the tribesmen served him with meat that was not fresh, the host is likely to be punished.

WEDDING AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

DR. H. H. TAI AND MISS RUTH U

The beautifully decorated, St. Paul's Church was the scene of a pretty wedding yesterday afternoon between Miss Ruth Yue Fung U and Dr. H. H. Tai, M.B. (Edin.). The Rev. Paul S. F. Tso officiated.

The bride, eldest daughter of Mr. U Sz Wing, well-known comprador of Messrs. Dodwell and Co., and Mrs. U Sz Wing, was escorted to the altar by her father. Attending Miss U were Miss Mabel U, her sister, and a cousin, Miss Kwan Chai U. Two children, Master Titus Cheung and Miss Wing Yan U, acted as page boy and flower girl, respectively.

The groom is the eldest son of Mr. T. K. Tai, and is at present Health Officer in the Hongkong Government Medical Department.

The bride is a graduate of Lingnan University and the groom a graduate of Indiana University in America.

A largely-attended reception was held in the Roof Garden of the Gloucester Hotel after the ceremony.

H.K.F.A. COUNCIL MEETING

A Council Meeting of the H. K. F. A. will be held at the Association's office on Monday, Jan. 8, at 5.30 p.m.

BUSINESS

Minutes of Council meeting No. 5.

Minutes of League Management Committee Meeting No. 6.

Minutes of Interpore Sub-Committee No. 1, 2, and 3.

Accounts.

Minutes of Emergency Sub-Committee No. 4, and 5.

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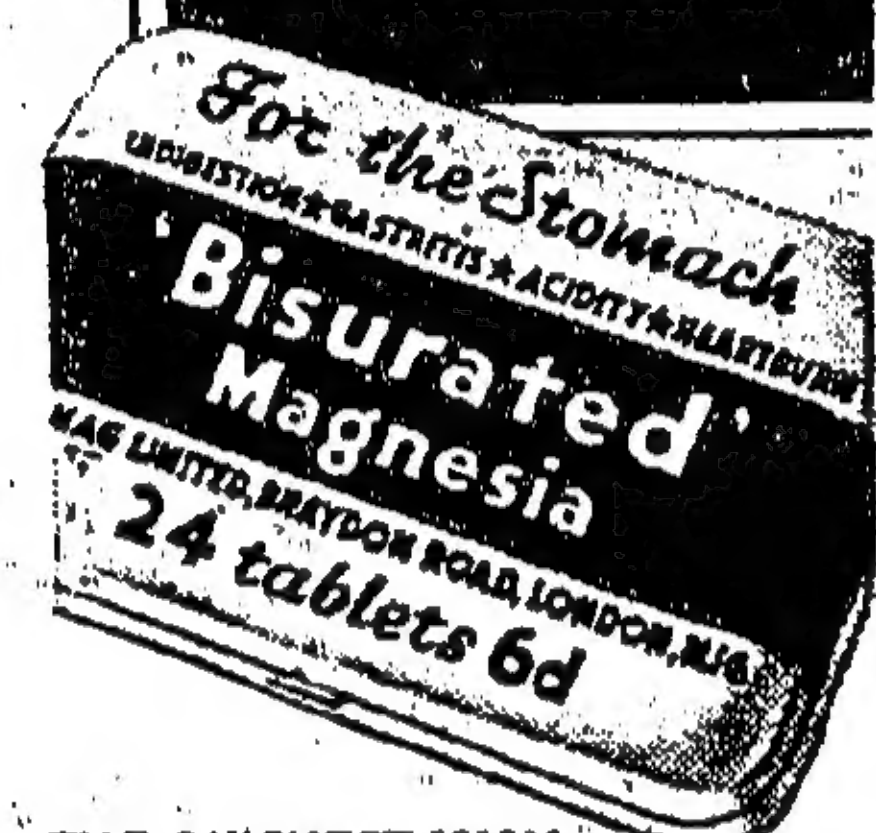
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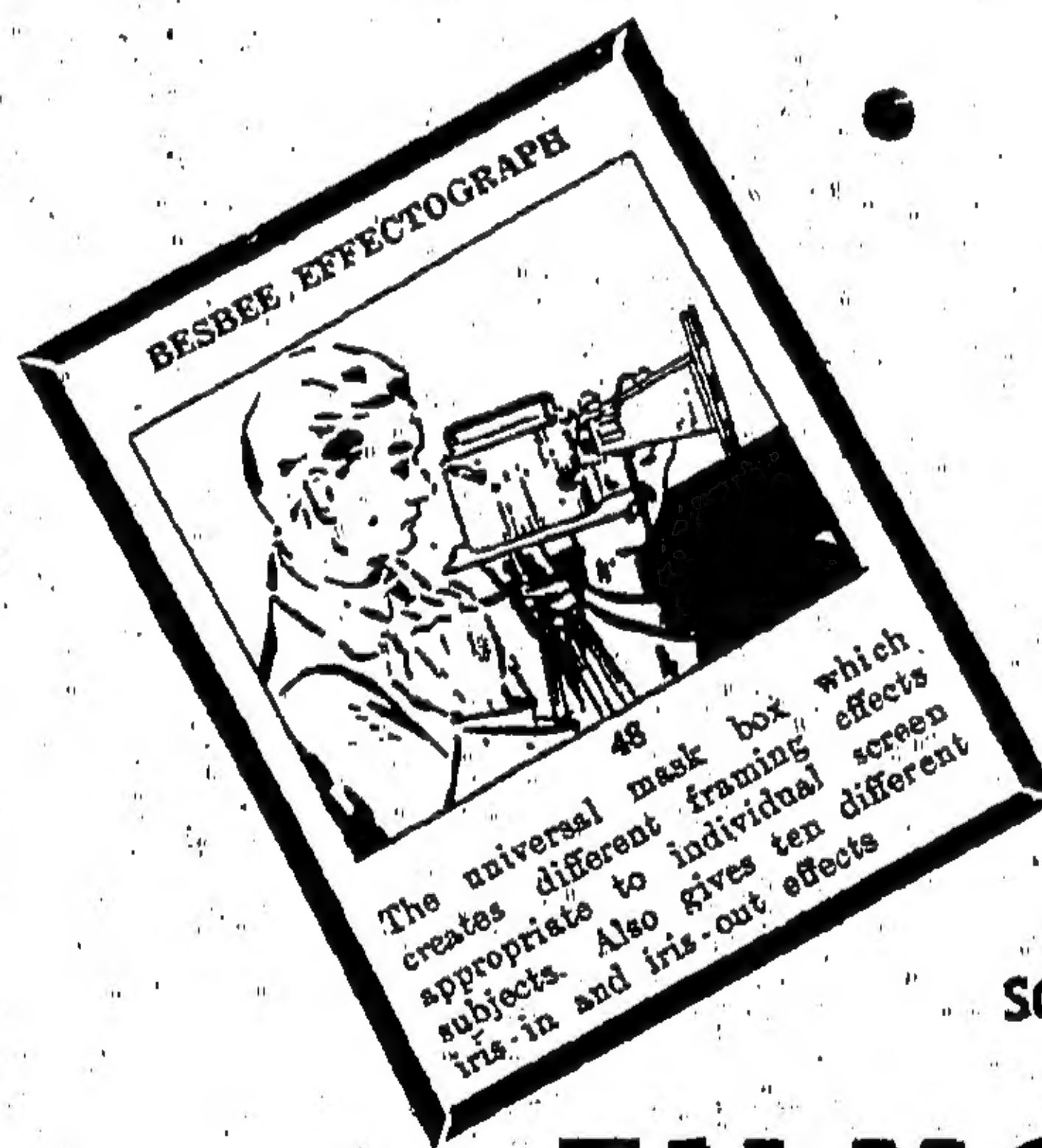
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In Accordance with Government Ordinance, THE EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on MONDAY, the 1st January, 1940. (The first week-day in January).
Hong Kong, 28th Dec. 1939.

NOTICE.

During the holiday period the office of the Controller of Trade will be entirely closed on Sunday, 31st December, 1939, and will be open only from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. on Monday, 1st January, 1940.

E. W. HAMILTON,
Superintendent of Imports & Exports and Controller of Trade.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 2nd day of Jan. 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at King's Road near Quarry Bay, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
No. 5741	Between Inland Lots Nos. 3307 and 3309, King's Road.	As per sale plan.	ft. ft. ft. ft. ft. ft.	262	202	20,000

COMMITTED TO SESSIONS

After further evidence was heard before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday in the case in which seven men were charged on various counts connected with forged bus tickets of the Kowloon Motor Bus Company, three defendants, Wu Wing, Ho On and Wong Lee were committed to the Criminal Sessions. Mr. E. S. C. Brooks prosecuted whilst Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ appeared for three defendants one of whom, Tang Tak, was discharged on Tuesday.

Pleading guilty by letter, on a summons for overtaking on a bend in Castle Peak Road and for driving without a valid licence, C. L. Crampton, of No. 2, Cumberland Road, was fined \$20, by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday. Mrs. S. Marshall, of No. 11, Tak Shing Street, was fined \$10 for speeding in a congested area.

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MOMENTOUS TALK

THE JAPANESE-AMERICAN negotiations now proceeding simultaneously in Tokyo and Washington are of the greatest significance to the future of the entire Pacific area. Taking place, as they do, in the midst of the most complicated international situation, their progress can suggest to the observer a great number of hitherto unconsidered possibilities and bring into the foreground forces that have been dormant in Far Eastern politics for the best part of twenty years.

OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE to China is the question of how these negotiations will affect the future of her resistance. To a much greater extent than Britain, America is a dynamic factor in the balance of power in the Far East—a factor capable of developing a degree of initiative in shaping events to its own purposes that is potentially more formidable than the initiative of Japan herself. How will this initiative be exerted? Will it take the form of decisive punitive action against the robbers of Tokyo or of bringing Japan to heel so that she may serve American purposes while pursuing her own? The mere existence of these two possibilities, both within the ability of America to achieve, shows why Chungking views the present developments with even more concern than it did the Tokyo talks between Britain and Japan during the summer months.

IN THE LIGHT OF HISTORY, the present situation may well give ground for apprehension. China remembers well that the Lansing-Ishih Agreement recognizing certain "special rights" of Japan on her territory. Although it is true that this arrangement was followed, after the Armistice, by American leadership of the movement which forced Japan to withdraw from Shantung, solicitude for China's sovereignty was by no means the only concern of the Nine Power Treaty. Similarly, a period of accommodation may now ensue, accommodation, this time, with Washington holding the big stick but showing reluctance to use it for any other purpose than to secure that Americans in the occupied territories shall live and trade without undue interference.

AMERICA'S RELUCTANCE to commit herself further is traceable directly to her uncertainty as to just what part she will play in the further development of events in Europe as well as in Asia. Until this part is defined, she will seek, above all, to preserve "a free hand" while giving nothing away and keeping Japan under restraint.

REALIZING THIS, Tokyo seeks an improvement of its bargaining position by making certain concessions but placing them in a framework which will force from Washington a quid pro quo of the kind that costs least—a quid pro quo of principle. It is, forsooth, not Japan that can and does make gestures towards meeting the United States half way, but the "New Order" in Central China, which is thus demonstrably not as inimical to American

New Year Entertainment
At The Gloucester Hotel

Billy Carroll and Conchita, two of the five entertainers appearing at the Gloucester Hotel over the New Year.

There will be entertainment par excellence by five talented artists on New Year's Eve at the Gloucester Hotel Roof Garden.

This year the hotel management is particularly endeavouring to make this outstanding celebration of the year one of the gayest and merriest, so as to greet 1940 with smiles, laughter and good cheer.

Billy Carroll, who is the young brother of Nancy Carroll, popular American motion picture actress of Columbia Studios, will present several unusual and artistic dances with the aid of his vivacious partner, Conchita. The "Temple Dance—Mata Hari," "A Personation of Memories 1914," where the English Colonel comes in for a sparkling Yvonne, and the "Yee Old English Tavern" are several of the items for Sunday evening.

Carroll and Conchita know their audiences, having travelled throughout Europe, Mexico and America during the past eight years. You will find their artistic ability branching out into pathos, drama, humour and smooth, well-timed character dancing.

In case you miss them during the week-end, don't miss the opportunity of enjoying their presentation before January 8 on which date they conclude their stay here and proceed to engagements in Manila and America.

BURMESE GOODWILL MISSION LEAVES FOR HOME

KUNMING, Dec. 28 (Central)—After a busy round of social functions, the Burmese Goodwill Mission left Kunming to return to Burma yesterday by the Yunnan-Burma highway. The party was seen off by more than 1,000 people.

The Mission was entertained by local leaders at a reception at the Provincial Party Headquarters on Tuesday. In the course of a speech, Mr. U Ba Lwin, leader of the Mission, expressed the hope that as a result of better communication facilities, Sino-Burmese relations, which are already quite cordial, will be further cultivated in the future. He expressed thanks for the overwhelming Chinese welcome accorded to the Mission.

Following the reception, the Mission visited the Yunnan University and the Southwest Associated University.

The Mission was also feted by the academic societies, the Bankers Association, and the Rotary Club during the day.

Interests as Ambassador Grew made out.

THIS IS A GAME that has little subtlety. But where politics are purely "realist" such games have been known to succeed. That is what Tokyo hopes for and what may happen, to America's cost, if the interests that, all these months, have been profitably subsidising Japanese aggression in China are once more allowed to decide the trend of United States policy.

Choral Group
Christmas Party

Youth, music and gaiety combined to make the annual Christmas party of the Choral Group, held at the studio of Maestro Elisio Gualdi yesterday afternoon, an occasion to be remembered.

Since its formation five years ago, the Choral Group, one of the most brilliant societies of its kind in the Far East, has yearly demonstrated its enthusiasm and affection and respect for its founder and conductor, Maestro Gualdi, by a full-strength gathering at his studio at this season.

Yesterday's party was honoured by the presence of Sqn. Carpi, well-known impresario, and Maestro E. Pellegatti, "cello virtuoso."

NEW MEMBERS
Many new members were introduced, and old members who had been prevented from taking part in the Group's activities during the past season also turned up to bid good wishes to a fine musician.

It is learned that the Choral Group, which scored such a success in its recent presentation of Puccini's oratorio, "The Resurrection," plans to stage "Cavalleria Rusticana," Mascagni's fiery opera, in February. Rehearsals are already under way.

DEPARTURES FROM HONGKONG

The following passengers left Hongkong yesterday:
Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Smith and children, Mrs. P. Gibbons, Dr. L. T. Ride, Miss P. V. Sacouls and Master Derek O. Berg.

REGISTRATION OF DENTISTS ORDINANCE

Legislative Council Meeting

The Registration of Dentists Ordinance, a new legislative measure which requires all who practise dentistry in Hongkong to be registered within six months from the coming into effect of the Ordinance, was read a first time at a meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday.

In the absence of His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, who is at Fanning Lodge, the Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, presided at the meeting.

The Attorney General, the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, said that all persons now practising dentistry in the Colony would be given the facility to register, but, after the passage of the Bill all newcomers would have to possess certain qualifications.

The Ordinance to amend the Waterworks Ordinance, 1938, providing for quarterly collection of meter and water charges, was also read a first time.

URBAN COUNCIL
The by-laws made by the Urban Council under Sections 5 and 6 of the Public Health (Food) Ordinance, on December 5, amending the by-laws in the Schedule to that Ordinance under the heading, "Sale of Milk generally and Dairies and Milk Shops" were approved.

The effect of the by-laws, said the Attorney General, would have the effect of requiring all milk and cream to be of a certain standard before and after pasteurisation.

THOSE PRESENT
The following were present at the meeting:—The Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith (Colonial Secretary), presiding, H. E. Major General A. E. Grasset (General Officer Commanding), the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster (Attorney General), the Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North (Secretary for Chinese Affairs), the Hon. Mr. H. R. Butters (Financial Secretary), the Hon. Mr. G. F. Hole (Harbour Master), the Hon. Mr. T. H. King (Commissioner of Police), the Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke (Director of Medical Services), the Hon. Mr. A. B. Purvis (Director of Public Works), the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro Jnr., the Hon. Mr. Li Tse-fong, the Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, the Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, the Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam and Mr. C. B. Burgess (Deputy Clerk of Councils).

SUPPLEMENTARY VOTES
Supplementary votes totalling \$44,181 were approved at a meeting of the Financial Committee of the Council, which followed the meeting of the Council proper.

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES

The following forthcoming marriages are announced:—

Lieut. John Hudson Gordon, R. M. S. Pandora, and Miss Joan Langley, of St. John Ambulance Headquarters, Taihang Road.

Mr. Jan Henneman, merchant, of No. 63, Chenka'ho, Shanghai, and Miss Susie Brigitte Yvonne Schauss, of No. 353, Kiangse Road, Shanghai.

Mr. Frederick Cyril Grant, travel adviser, Claremont Hotel, and Miss Esther Elizabeth Margaret Olsen, of the same address.

Mr. Lim Kuen-yew, merchant, of No. 92, Queen's Road Central, first floor, and Miss Li Wai-yu, daughter of Mr. Li Koon-chun, of No. 8, Kennedy Terrace.

Mr. Wu Chang-j, Customs Officer, of No. 21, Fuk Lo Tsuen Road, third floor, and Miss Chow Tsien-hua, of the same address.

Mr. Chow Tack-fan, clerk of Messrs. Gilman's Motor Department, and Miss Lau Oi-lin, of No. 19, Kwong Ming Street, first floor.

Mr. Yuan Feh-pan, clerk of the Bank of Communications, and Miss Chan Mui-yan, of No. 125, Wing Lok Street, second floor.

Mr. Poon Man-fai, teacher, of No. 134, Third Street, ground floor, and Miss Wong Yuen-yin, of No. 14, Arbuthnot Road, second floor.

Mr. Li Ping-yin, salesman, of No. 4, Gressen Street, first floor, and Miss Lo King-fong, of No. 279, Queen's Road Central, first floor.

Mr. Thomas Lue, alias Lue Fook, merchant, of No. 109, Taiipo Road, first floor, and Miss Cheung Yin-kam, of No. 468, Old Village, Taiipo Market.

Sale Of Rice
Below Market PriceSUSPICIOUS MOVE
BY JAPANESE
IN SHANGHAI

SHANGHAI, Dec. 28 (Reuter)—Chinese trading quarters are viewing, with strong suspicion, the motive behind the operation in the Western District, by Japanese authorities here of a rice shop where grain is selling at \$30 per picul, compared with the market price of \$40.

DAMAGING EFFECT
Opened about three weeks ago under the name of the Tungshing (Oriental Prosperity) Company, the station has been selling native rice to hundreds of coolies daily. The shop's operation is said to have a damaging effect on the rice trade in the entire area, since legitimate merchants are unable to purchase rice for sale at prices much below the quotations given by this shop.

LABOUR DISCONTENT
Labour discontent is still manifest in a subdued form and strikes at several factories are still unsettled.

JAPANESE MONOPOLY
SHANGHAI, Dec. 28 (Int'l)—Japanese business circles are contemplating the establishment of a monopoly of fruit and vegetable trade in Shanghai. Some of these commodities will be shipped from Formosa and Hainan Island.

AIRPORT NEWS

Imperial Airways:
NORTHBOUND
Friday: Bangkok, Hanoi, Hongkong.
Denebola—4 p.m.
Tuesday: Bangkok, Hanoi, Hongkong.
Della—4 p.m.
SOUTHBOUND
Sunday: Hanoi, Bangkok, Delphinus—7 a.m.
Air France
NORTHBOUND
Wednesday: France, Hanoi, Hongkong.
Service—4 p.m.
SOUTHBOUND
Thursday: Hanoi, France.
Service—6 a.m.
Pan American Airways:
EASTBOUND
Friday: U.S.A., Manila, Hongkong.
California Clipper—2 p.m.
WESTBOUND
Saturday: Manila, U.S.A.
California Clipper—8.30 a.m.
Note: The inward Imperial Airways service from Bangkok, due at Kai Tak on Sunday afternoon, has been delayed forty-eight hours by late connections with the main Empire service.

Pan American Airways' California Clipper, due in Hongkong yesterday, was delayed in Manila, cause unknown, and is reported to be arriving at Kai Tak this afternoon.

All services are carrying passengers and mail.

EMBEZZLEMENT ALLEGED
Appearing before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Court yesterday on a charge of embezzlement, Tam Pak, alias Tam Tit-yue, 32, was remanded formally for one week. The defendant, who was employed as an accountant of Attar Singh, Provision Merchant, No. 17, Morrison Hill Road, was alleged to have embezzled \$113.75. Hearing was fixed for January 18 and 17. Mr. C. D'Almada appeared for the defence, while Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ was for the complainant.

ASST. U.S. TRADE COMMISSIONER HERE
Miss Violet Smith, Assistant United States Trade Commissioner in Shanghai arrived in the Colony last night from Chungking by a C.N.A.C. plane.

Miss Smith is staying at the Hongkong Hotel.

It is hoped that she will be able to be present at the Chinese American Cultural Institute luncheon at the Hongkong Hotel today at 1 p.m.

VENTILATE YOUR HOME: DON'T SPIT ON THE FLOOR

SOVIET TROOPS CONTINUE TO HAMMER AT THE MANNERHEIM LINE IN FINLAND

HELSINKI, Dec. 28 (Reuter)—While the Russians continued to hammer the left wing of the Mannerheim Line they are using heavy artillery all along the Karelian Front, sending shells over the Finnish fortifications to objectives behind the lines. Viborg is particularly suffering from a bombardment by these heavy guns, which are estimated to be operating some twenty-five miles away.

The Soviets launched wave after wave of violent attacks against the Mannerheim Line, hitherto with little, if any, success.

The intense cold is enabling Soviet tanks and artillery to cross frozen lakes. Such operations, however, must be effected swiftly owing to the vulnerability of troops on ice.

FINNS ON LOOK-OUT.

Finnish planes are constantly on the look-out and mobile patrols are always in readiness to be rushed to menaced spots.

A few well-directed bombs on the ice discouraged more than one Soviet attempt to cross the ice.

Latest reports from the Salpa Front declare that the Russians retreated altogether fifty miles from their most advanced point of ten days ago, when they were nearly halfway across Finland's "waist."

"BOMBPHLETS" DROPPED

HELSINKI, Dec. 28 (Reuter)—Helsinki was raided again yesterday, the alarm lasting for two hours. Once again no bombs dropped, within the city itself, although one fire was reported on the outskirts.

Later some "bombphlets" were picked up. These called on the Finns to join their "Russian Friends."

A correspondent reports that forty-two civilian centres, were bombed by the Soviet during Christmas. An official Finnish statement says that in many cases the planes flew low enough to machine-gun the civilians. The Soviet lost 23 machines.

Pope's Visit

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As the Papal cortege approached the Palace, massed bands played the Papal march, the Italian national anthem and the Fascist hymn, "Giovinezza."

The Pope was received at the Palace by the King and Queen with whom were the heir to the Throne, Prince Piedmont, and Princess Piedmont, and Count and Countess Clara.

CONVERSATION

His Holiness, the King and the Queen then entered the Throne Room where three thrones had been set up and remained for some time in conversation.

Meanwhile the Cardinals mixed freely in the anteroom with Court dignitaries.

Over the Quirinal the Papal flag and the Royal Standard of Italy flew, side by side.

The event was described here as the "realisation of the dream of the Mussolinian era."

It is stated that the Pope delivered an address to the King and Queen which was described as "very warm and very important."

Returning to the Vatican, the Pope drove in an open car despite the rain and, at the frontier, the Governor of Rome and the Royal delegation again rendered homage while Italian guards and Papal guards presented arms.

OBJECT OF NEGOTIATIONS

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 28 (Reuter)—The Berlin correspondent of the National Tidende states that it is

believed, in some quarters in the German capital, that the object of the negotiations between the Vatican and the Italian Government is to develop a stronger front against Communism and to reply to the continued and reinforced efforts of Moscow to carry through a Bolshevik world revolution.

The matter, however, is regarded as one of internal policy as far as Italy is concerned and calling for no official comment.

Adverse Customs Balances Shown In The Occupied Areas Of China

CHUNGKING, Dec. 28 (Reuter)—China's Customs Returns figures for the first three-quarters of 1939, both for "Free China" and the occupied areas was published in the Bank of China's Financial Review yesterday.

According to these statistics, Customs in Free China registered a favourable international balance of 33,645,000 National dollars, while the figures for the occupied areas, including the districts of Shanghai and Kowloon, show an unfavourable foreign balance of 405,115,000 National dollars.

The adverse balance of international payments in Customs under Japanese occupation amounted to 269,173,000 National dollars, while that in parts of Shanghai and Kowloon, "which suffered more or less from Japanese interference," is estimated at 155,942,000 National dollars.

CHUNGKING shows an adverse balance of 1,533,000 National dollars, while Pakhoi and Mengtze both record favourable balances of

MORE HELP FOR FINLAND

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter)—More help for Finland is being sent.

A Danish ambulance unit of 130 beds arrived on the Central Finnish Front yesterday.

The wife of the Finnish Minister to Britain announces that the appeal for comforts for Finnish soldiers met with a wonderful response.

MISSION TO U.S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (Havas)—Colonel Nentonen, of the Finnish Army, head of the mission for the purchase of war material from the U.S.A., visited the War Department yesterday. He was informed that the U.S. Army is

Balloons With Automatic Radio

WELLINGTON, Dec. 28 (Reuter)—Balloons equipped with automatic radio transmitters will be used by meteorologists attached to Admiral Byrd's Antarctic Expedition to report atmospheric conditions at various heights.

This was revealed by Dr. Paul Siple, a member of the Expedition today.

An aircraft will also be employed for this work.

Dr. Siple was optimistic regarding the possibility of obtaining accurate weather forecasts through observation in the Antarctic.

self was short of anti-aircraft and anti-tank guns and that all ammunition plants were engaged in manufacturing those weapons for the Government.

Despite the difficult which thus arises, Colonel Nentonen left the War Department in a happy mood and stated that he did not doubt that the War Department was extending facilities to the Finnish Mission.

Japanese Betray Their Fear And Anxiety In Allegations Chinese Plans

CHUNGKING, Dec. 28 (Central)—Japanese allegations of the Chinese attempt to cut communication on the Yangtze River, of the success of the Japanese northward drive along the Canton-Hankow Railway and of the failure of a Chinese "winter offensive" were refuted by a Chinese military spokesman yesterday.

The spokesman said that Japanese propaganda of the Chinese intention to cut Japanese communication on the Yangtze River betrays their own fear and anxiety. As a matter of fact, the Chinese have not made any such attempt as it is not yet the time.

However, the spokesman added, though the Chinese have not formally enforced a blockade, many Japanese vessels have been attacked in the Yangtze River during the past few months. An average of three vessels were damaged each week.

JAPANESE DREAM

With reference to the Japanese operations on the Canton-Hankow Railway, the spokesman stated that the Japanese have long been dreaming of occupying the entire Railway by a north and a south drive converging on Hengyang.

The Chinese would welcome such a Japanese attempt, for though the Japanese may mass all their newly-trained recruits and all their troops now scattered on various fronts for the attempt, they will only fall deeper in the quagmire.

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CABLE NEWS IN BRIEF

CHUNGKING, Dec. 28 (Reuter)—In an attempt to halt the smuggling of goods into "Free China," from the occupied areas, the Chinese Government has decided to establish special inspection offices to keep a careful check on all goods entering the war area. It was announced here yesterday.

GENEVA, Dec. 28 (Havas)—Colombia, Liberia, Uruguay and the Dominican Republic have informed the League of Nations that they are ready to help Finland, thus bringing to twelve the number of states who have answered the League's appeal.

PARIS, Dec. 28 (Havas)—The first detachments of Indian troops have already arrived in France and have taken their places along with the British "tommys."

GENEVA, Dec. 28 (Reuter)—Several leading Swiss newspapers published yesterday the advertisement of a Berlin company offering to sell various patents to powerful enterprises.

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter)—R.A.F. planes had encounters with air and surface craft in the North Sea when a Dornier bomber was hit several times. Two enemy destroyers and four patrol vessels were attacked with bombs.

Later, the same aircraft attacked seven more German patrol ships and made at least one hit.

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter)—Mules from India are now joining the B. E. F. in France, proving again that no war or military operation can safely be conducted without mules, writes Reuter's military correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (Havas)—The U.S. State Department has released the text of a cable received by President Roosevelt from Italy's King Emperor on Dec. 21.

PARIS, Dec. 28 (Reuter)—Anti-aircraft guns in the neighbourhood of Paris went into action yesterday against an unidentified plane flying high towards Paris.

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter)—Many British children benefited at Christmas by the generous action of wives of French seamen.

THE NAZIS NEVER TELL A LIE!

BERLIN, Dec. 28 (Reuter)—The Nazi "Ministry of Misinformation," headed by Dr. Goebbels, has now explained why the British aircraft carrier Ark Royal is still afloat. In a broadcast on Tuesday night, the German station announced that Germany never claimed to have sunk the Ark Royal. She merely asked where the aircraft carrier was.

MEXICO, CITY, Dec. 28 (Reuter)—The Mexican Government has approved a law drafted by President Cardenas which excludes private individuals, excepting Mexicans with certain qualifications, from exploiting oil. The law also abolishes oil royalties hitherto paid to land-owners, but provides for compensation for damage caused to property through oil working.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 28 (Reuter)—Replying to a question by M. Wynkoop, Communist member in the Second Chamber, about the alleged existence at The Hague of a central bureau for Western Europe of a British intelligence service, the Minister of Justice stated today that the establishment of such a bureau could not be ascertained.

He essentially asked for the abolition of the control of currency and the discontinuation of the Japanese monopolistic activities.

The Kokumun Shimbun asserts that Washington's cool reaction to the proposal to re-open the Yangtze was exemplified in Mr. Cordell Hull's answer to Mr. Hornouchi, Japanese Ambassador in Washington, on Dec. 23: "It is only one aspect of the open doors problem."

The paper further asserts that Mr. Eugene Doolan, Counsellor of the American Embassy, warned, on Dec. 26, Mr. Seijiro Yoshizawa, head of the Foreign Office American Division, against the excessive optimism of Tokyo's press which, in its comments, conveyed the impression that negotiations for a new trade treaty have already opened.

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Japanese Resentment Growing U.S. Seeking A Dilatory Solution

Special to the H.K. Daily Press.

TOKYO, Dec. 28 (Havas)—Japanese resentment in face of the unenthusiastic reaction of Washington to the proposal of the reopening of the Yangtze is daily growing and several papers advise the public today against the idea of concluding a temporary trade agreement with the United States.

They declare that Washington is seeking a dilatory solution and is desirous to retain means to bring pressure to bear upon Japan.

NOT SUFFICIENT

The influential Asahi Shimbun declares that the American decision on Dec. 22 to waive the additional fees imposed on Japanese ships is not sufficient and demands from the United States guarantees with regard to other problems, such as the right for Japanese to reside in U.S.A., the right to open consulates and register in America and Japanese trade marks.

The paper adds that the American Ambassador, Mr. Joseph Grew, when he visited the Foreign Minister, Admiral Nomura on Dec. 22 requested that discussion on a new commercial treaty be started only after a satisfactory solution of problems involving American rights in China.

CURRENCY CONTROL

He essentially asked for the abolition of the control of currency and the discontinuation of the Japanese monopolistic activities.

The Kokumun Shimbun asserts that Washington's cool reaction to the proposal to re-open the Yangtze was exemplified in Mr. Cordell Hull's answer to Mr. Hornouchi, Japanese Ambassador in Washington, on Dec. 23: "It is only one aspect of the open doors problem."

The paper further asserts that Mr. Eugene Doolan, Counsellor of the American Embassy, warned, on Dec. 26, Mr. Seijiro Yoshizawa, head of the Foreign Office American Division, against the excessive optimism of Tokyo's press which, in its comments, conveyed the impression that negotiations for a new trade treaty have already opened.

GOVERNMENT ADVISED

The Yomiuri Shimbun advises the Government not to accept a provisional trade agreement which, the paper says, firstly, would permit the United States to continue to bring pressure on Japan, secondly, to encourage Britain to assume the same attitude and, thirdly, might revivify Gen. Chiang Kai-shek and compel Wang Ching-wei to "walkout."

ANATOLIA ROCKED BY SEVERE EARTHQUAKE

Much Damage Feared

ANKARA, Dec. 28 (Reuter)—At 1 a.m. yesterday, a severe earthquake shook Anatolia. Details of the casualties and damage are not yet available, but it is known that many were killed and injured and much property destroyed.

PARTICULARLY SEVERE

ANKARA, Dec. 28 (Reuter)—Latest reports show that the earthquake shocks were particularly severe in the agricultural region between Tokat and Sivas.

HISTORIC CITY DESTROYED

ANKARA, Dec. 28 (Havas)—The historic city of Sivas was almost entirely destroyed by yesterday's earthquake as well as numerous villages and small cities. Hundreds were killed and wounded.

A Reuter message from Ankara adds that according to unofficial reports the earthquake death toll is over 6,000.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 28 (Havas)—The earthquake which shook Celebes Island on Dec. 12 caused damage the full extent of which has not yet been determined.

In Bangkok, more than 300 houses were destroyed and several roads were damaged.

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suffered heavy casualties in the ensuing fight.

The Chinese are pushing relentlessly towards Yangtze, north-east of Chungking, in pursuit of the Japanese retreating from a height nearby.

On the Yangtze sector, at the bend of the Han River, the Chinese are continuing their attack on the Japanese making a stand behind strong fortifications.

JAPANESE DRIVE SOMEWHERE IN SHANTUNG

Dec. 28 (Central)—Japanese forces at Laiwu, in Central Shantung, have started a northward drive.

HELSINKI, Dec. 28 (Havas)—It is reliably reported that the former Soviet Minister in Helsinki, M. Vladimir Derevianov, was shot in Moscow after a summary trial on charges of gross neglect of duty.

DUBLIN, Dec. 28 (Reuter)—Dublin was surrounded by a military cordon yesterday morning as the result of the theft of a large quantity of ammunition from a magazine in Queen's Park. Soldiers patrolled the streets and all vehicles were searched.

MOSCOW, Dec. 28 (Reuter)—Trade negotiations between Russia and Bulgaria were expected to open late last night.

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First and foremost comes malnutrition. In the main, this is due to poverty resulting from low wages from a flooded labour market and to incapacity from ill-health due to under and improper feeding—a vicious circle thus being created. But, you may say, quite a number of wealthy people who are well fed become infected. True. But it is necessary to realise that malnutrition does not always mean inadequacy of food.

Physical weakness also results from eating the wrong foods—through ignorance of more nutritious kinds of food, or through prejudice, as in the case of the unwillingness of urban communities to eat unpolished rice, which would protect against beri beri. Lack of sleep also reduces the resistance: it has a greater effect on health than people realise. Much mischief is also caused by over-indulgence in strenuous games.

After malnutrition, which lowers the individual resistance to Tuberculosis and prepares the soil, as it were, for infection, comes contact with actual cases of the disease.

BULK OF CASES

Here, it should be made clear that the bulk of the cases of Tuberculosis met with in Hongkong are due to what is called the human strain of the germ. Tuberculosis in cattle is uncommon in Hongkong, and the law relating to compulsory pasteurisation, which came into force on April 1, 1939, serves as a safeguard against such milk-borne infection.

Contact with what is described as an "open" case of Tuberculosis, or one who is coughing or spitting up Tubercle germs, is the usual way in which the disease is acquired.

Such contact may occur in several ways. Owing to serious overcrowding, due in some measure to relatively high rents, a healthy person may have to share a cubicle or even a bed or bed space on the floor or pavement with a victim of the disease.

In such circumstances, the air, containing droplets of spit, in which Tubercle germs are to be found, is breathed by the relatives or close neighbours of the patient and passes down into the lungs. If such persons have become weakened by inadequate food or other causes, the Tubercle germ settles down and the mischief begins.

Bad habits, such as spitting on floor or pavement, increase this danger, especially where houses are damp, dark and dirty. The custom of using a common bowl or of sharing eating and drinking utensils can spread infection. The Chinese family meal custom may have much to answer for. Tragedy may follow the kissing of babies by persons infected with Tuberculosis.

What can we do? Let us recapitulate the cause:

- (1) malnutrition;
- (2) dirty, damp, sunless and airless surroundings;
- (3) bad housing, overcrowding and lack of adequate ventilation;
- (4) bad habits (e.g. spitting in public places, vehicles, etc.);
- (5) failure to recognise, isolate and treat cases of the disease in time.

PREVENTION AND CURE

And now what about the prevention and cure? The traditional arguments are that malnutrition is largely an economic problem. Overcrowding is so large and difficult a question that to begin here and neglect other measures would produce very slow results.

To attempt to compel quick reform by legislation would probably be resisted and resisted. Compulsory isolation in sanatoria would not appeal—even if sanatoria were available. But, pending some of these measures, and provisions, there is much that can be done at once. Here is where you can help.

REMAINS OF STONE AGE MAN FOUND IN SCOTLAND

EDINBURGH, Dec. 28 (Reuter)—An archaeological discovery of importance was made by Scottish workmen excavating in Dumfriesshire yesterday.

They unearthed a stone coffin containing the skeleton of a man. An examination of the skull and bones shows the man to have been a stone-age man and he must be at least 4,000 years old.

AIR FRANCE

Mr. and Mrs. A. Jayson, T. Y. Claves, Mr. Staber, Mr. P. Rangit, Mr. and Mrs. A. Sallens and P. Larcher, arrived on the Air France plane yesterday. Mrs. A. G. Balfour, E. A. Plesner and Mr. A. F. Gimson left on the return service.

LEAVE FOR B.E.F.

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter)—From the middle of January the personnel of the British Expeditionary Force who arrived in France before the end of October will be on the leave list.

Hitherto home leave has only been available to those who arrived before the end of September.

(1) Ventilate your houses and let the sun in. Even the broken pane can be a blessing in disguise.

(2) Avoid close contact with infected people. In the home, adopt the individual dish, basin, spoon, etc. Forbid the kissing of children by infected persons.

(3) Eat nourishing food.

(4) Get plenty of sleep and enough daily exercise.

(5) At sport never permit yourself to become exhausted.

(6) Do not spit except into latrines, drains or spittoons. Encourage others to follow your example in this. To hurt their feelings a little is better than letting them infect others.

(7) Encourage early detection, isolation and treatment of cases of Tuberculosis, especially of adults. The Tubercle germ is a treacherous enemy: it lurks in damp, dark and dirty places; consequently, it follows that there is much less chance of its surviving and causing further havoc if every effort is made to keep rooms flushed with sun, fresh air and soap and water—all of which constitute relatively cheap means of protection in the hands of every person.

If to these steps is added an adequate amount of simple, nourishing food, together with sufficient sleep, daily exercise, regular habits and avoidance of undue fatigue or exposure, the battle against Tuberculosis will be more than half won.

Those with knowledge of the constituents of balanced dietaries can help by making this known to all in their circle of acquaintance—teachers, scholars, and so on.

Everyone can contribute his share by discouraging by example and precept spitting in public places, on pavements, in vehicles and, in fact, anywhere except in latrines, drains or spittoons containing disinfectant.

Those who know of cases of disease—indicated by cough, night-sweats or fever, loss of weight, paleness of lips, lack of energy—can also help by persuading such persons to go to a qualified doctor or to a dispensary or hospital for advice and, if necessary, treatment.

BED ISOLATION

If such patients are treated at home, relatives can help by seeing that every endeavour is made to provide room, or cubicle, or at least bed isolation, with separate eating and drinking utensils and strict attention to cleanliness, use of spittoons, and so on.

Only by the active help and co-operation of every right-thinking person can any progress be made in the fight against the Tuberculosis peril in

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WHEN IT RAINS

December is a dry month in most parts of the world; however, shortly the rains will come and fashion dictates even to the elements. The web fabric umbrella disguised as a semi-transparent bubble is light to carry, and a thankful invention for crossing streets in wind and rain, or hurrying along crowded thoroughfares.

Don't forget glamorous galoshes to keep the feet dry, shoes in shape and ankles warm, at the same time, free from mud spots. Plaid umbrellas and raincoats are definitely gay on dreary, rainy day. Some manufacturers have gloves to match with the inside of the palm corduroy lined.

The double-duty reversible raincoat of debonaire Harris tweed type with raglan sleeves is a welcome accessory to the wardrobe. Excellent for rain and other days of sunshine and motor car driving. White is playing a big part in rain gear in Europe, particularly in France and England raincoats of white gaberdine, rubber and cellophane. The former two most popular are easily cleaned by washing with soap and water, besides being very smart over dark dresses. All raincoats this year are of the raglan sleeve and loose fitting design many having the half-open back in the skirt.

And to be ultra smart there are white cases, to slip over your handbag or books which you may carry in the rain.

A TOWN DRESS



Ann Rutherford's town dress is of crinkly grey crepe, accented with brown and flesh pink. The one-piece dress, designed by Dolly Tree for the actress, has wide bands of pink and brown velvet tying at the waist with a pink jabot of mousseline de soie at the neckline. Her felt tricorne ties under her curls with matching velvet bands which end in bows of pink and brown as crown trim. Suede gloves in pink with brown open heel and toe pumps complete the ensemble.

DRESSING FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE

When you say "Happy New Year," and all the bells, sirens, horns, and whistles in the city break loose between 11.55 p.m., December 31, 1939, and 12.05 a.m., January 1, 1940, your costume must be ultra fashionable and perfect. It is a New Year and you should be your best.

First of all where will you be celebrating the biggest event of the year? A crowded hotel ballroom, a private residence gathering, or a club social, etc.?

However, the majority of ladies and gentlemen will be dressing and this means attention to your personal beauty, the gown, shoes, hose, wrap, evening gloves, bag, and accessories. You must be ravishing, daring, mysterious demure, or ultra smart, that of course depends on your personality.

Black is always excellent for evening. Blondes, titian, and brunette women appear to advantage if the gown is their styling. But gold is the king of evening colour this winter and of course the brunette thrives in this shade, the titian can accomplish wonders with gold if imaginative and the blonde must be careful.

CARMEN RED

Curmen red is another outstanding fashion shade and if you wear grey you will be right up in front in the gown parade.

Don't forget to sparkle discreetly, don't dazzle your escort but enough brilliance in the correct place, lends a definite atmosphere.

Your styling can vary from the narrow silhouette, if you have the figure, to full-skirted type gown. Then again you may have a discreet display of bare shoulders and arms, but fashion says covered shoulders and arms is far more interesting this year. However don't combine the covered arm and shoulders with the full skirt.

WEAR JEWELS

Wear ornaments, brooches or jewels in your hair in profusion or nothing at all but an exotic and different styling of your coiffure, a type you would not wear in the day with your business suit. Get brush, comb and pins out and go to work trying out new hair styles.

The wrap may be fur, wool, velvet, brocade or a matching material of your frock. Colourful wraps are more fashionable and here again bear in mind your gown and personality.

Do not forget your gloves and your handbag and a veil, scarf, snood or hood to keep your locks in place, too these accessories are marvels for the evening mood and very useful physiology.

Be warned again about the coloured lights in public places because they can kill your make-up if your colours are not carefully

YOUR "FASHIONALITY?"

(A quiz to determine your clothes-type and style ideas.)

Analyse your "fashionality" (alliance of personality with fashion) and discover what clothes are most becoming to your type. In each group, check a, b, or c, then add the number of checks for each letter. The letter with the most counts is your "fashionality" key.

Group 1—If you were away from home, and unsuccessful in your search for a job, what would you do when you were down to your last twenty-five dollars?

- a. Buy your train ticket and start back for home and mother immediately
- b. Keep searching until all your money is gone
- c. Buy a stunning hat for \$10, spend \$5 on two good meals and look for one more day

Group 2—If you were an informal dress to a dance that turned out to be formal, what would you do?

- a. Immediately leave
- b. Make your apologies and remain
- c. Stay and say nothing

Group 3—Would you travel two hundred miles for the best college dance of the year?

- a. Yes
- b. Yes, if your date were the "one and only"
- c. No

Group 4—Can you manage to forget your social breaks easily?

- a. No
- b. Yes, if other people or things keep you occupied
- c. Yes

Group 5—If a girl you dislike wore a becoming hat, would you tell her so?

- a. No
- b. Yes
- c. Yes, if no men were present

Group 6—Would you wear slacks on Fifth Avenue if you happened to feel like it?

- a. No
- b. Yes, if your friends approved
- c. Yes

Group 7—At a cocktail party, if the butler accidentally spilled a drink on your expensive dress, would you:

- a. Become very much upset, but complain only to the man next to you
- b. Laugh good-naturedly and dismiss it, saying it was just an accident
- c. Be annoyed, but successfully hide your feelings

Round The Shops

New Year—there are bills and the big let down after gay holidays, but there is a cure for these ailments and many women remedy the after effects with a new bonnet or some small item which goes on sale and is such a buy!

Maybe you are also frantically shopping for the evening gown to wear on Sunday evening when you greet 1940. In that case, you are in luck, for sales are now taking place in the local shops and their offerings in many cases are outstanding.

SPECIAL PURCHASE

LANE CRAWFORD have indeed a special purchase in the select dozen of new felt hats just received. There are only twelve in the standard head sizes of various shades. Brown, wine, green, navy and black are the rich colours and the styles are fashion's latest: high and low crowns, brims which turn up and a few down and the felt is outstanding quality.

EVENING'S GOWNS

"Lovely to look at and lovely to see!" That is your theme for Saturday, Sunday and Monday of this week-end. During this outstanding yearly holiday frocks and finery play an important part in the festivities and that means you must look your best. MAYOS, in the Arcade, are certainly capable of providing the costume and trimmings.

Party dresses and gorgeous evening gowns in satins, taffetas and metallics are designed in the latest dictates of fashion. Maybe you will not be dressing this New Year and are shopping for dressy afternoon or cocktail frocks? You will find an outstanding selection here, too.

STOCK DISCOUNT

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TYPE YOUR HANDS

Hands are as definitely typed as faces, so they tell us, all those experts of beauty who study and bisect beauty details, therefore, they need the same specialized care. It is just as much of a mistake, they say, to be seen without the correct manicure as to venture forth without lipstick or the wrong make-up.

Your hands probably fall into one of five categories. The trick is to analyse correctly, and to shy away from the tendency, when in doubt, of picking the hand you would like to have, not the one you actually possess.

It is impossible to look at your hand and blithely decide which it is. You must know that the "creative" hand has short fingers, strong and usually thick at the base. You must be able to tell the difference between the "executive" hand with its straight fingers and squarish nails, and the "artistic" hand with its graceful, tapering fingers.

"PATRICIAN" HAND

You can't miss the slim, fine mould that characterizes the "patrician" hand, and the "exotic" type is easily identified by extravagantly slender hands, thin at the wrists and by its long, narrow nails.

Having once decided upon your hand type, you can experiment with your nail polish. Leave the tips clean of polish with nail whitening under the nail, or extend the polish to the end. You can make various effects with the moons of the nails, covered or uncovered.

If your fingers are square at the tips don't for goodness sake try the over shape, let your nail follow the natural line of your finger and make the effect with your polish blend with your lipstick.

Try all ways until you discover which suits you best. You will find you have added personality down to your finger tips. And don't forget the hand cream massaged into the finger knuckles and the tips particularly in this climate where your skin is apt to dry after the humid summer.

colours. Make up to accentuate your good features. It doesn't matter whether you are tall or short, but you should be slim.

CONFIDE IN FAITH PRIOR

DINNER PARTY

UNDECIDED attended a dinner party recently of twenty guests. She arrived at the semi-formal party which was held in a private home, in a dressy afternoon frock, the other guests were in dinner attire, and due to this condition she feels that she owes her hostess an apology. What can she do or say?

FIRST OF ALL YOUR HOSTESS should have signified the costume of the evening, whether by telephone or written invitation informed you as to the type of party and the attire. However, though she neglected to do this you should have queried her in this respect, asking if she desired "dressing." Naturally, you did the right thing in remaining at the party, you could do nothing else. Then again always bear in mind the old saying, "it is better to be underdressed than overdressed." If you feel that your hostess is annoyed about the incident, telephone or write her a short note of thanks pardoning your attire. It can be done gracefully and informally.

WANTS INTRODUCTION

INTRODUCTION desires to meet a young lady. He does not know her name or any details of her personal existence, he has merely seen the young lady several times on the street at a certain hour each day and feels sure there is a mutual attraction. How can an introduction be arranged?

FIRST OF ALL try and find someone you know who might be acquainted with the lady or a friend of hers. This would be the best way. If you attempt to speak to the young woman without an introduction it might prove very embarrassing for you. However, if you are desperate you can have the particular young woman followed to her place of business where the

detective may discover her name, then you may write a formal note asking for the privilege of an introduction. Don't make the chit too formal one line of wit may mean acceptance. If you succeed in finding out the lady's name, sending a chit, and you receive no answer, I should advise you to find another fish in the sea, there are plenty of them you know!

DEAR FAITH PRIOR: I am very distressed. Being twenty-seven years of age, and having supported an invalid mother during the past five years, I now desire to be married. My future husband definitely objects to my parent living with us and I do not wish to offend by agreeing. I feel it is my duty to take my mother into my home, yet I must give up my business career and do not feel that my husband should be responsible for my family. What can I do? DISTURBED.

DEAR DISTURBED: There are very few men, particularly young husbands who desire an invalid in their household. It is indeed common and is not from a financial standpoint. Why don't you keep working half-a-day or secure a part time position and with that money pay for a sunny bright room in a private sanatorium for your mother. There are such institutions where an invalid may go and live, the food and conditions are usually quite good and the inmate may have outings at various times besides having good physical care of their illness.

I think this is the better idea, I should not advise you insisting on your mother living in your new home, nor would I suggest you give up the idea of marriage. All of us must live our own lives, sometimes the break of family ties is painful but don't forget you owe something to the man, whose name you take for your own.

(Each week in this column FAITH PRIOR answers questions of a personal nature submitted by readers of the Daily Press.)

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Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.
Silver prices dropped 13/16 yesterday for both deliveries, the quotations being 22 1/2 for Ready and 22 1/16 for Forward. Silver prices reported India as having sold. The market was steady with very poor support. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot. The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 402. New York-London was quoted at 394 7/8.

Market
Opened with indications of easiness but subsequently steadied up slightly.

Sterling
Was on offer at 1/229/32 with buyers at 1/215/16. Business was done at 1/229/32 December, January and also February and subsequently at 1/215/16 for December. At lunch time there were sellers at 1/229/32 January and 1/217/8 February/March, buyers at 1/21/2 31/32 Cash and 1/215/16 January.

U.S. Dollars
Opened with a selling quotation of 24 1/2, buyers at 24 1/8 resulting in some business at 24 1/8 for cash. The 1 o'clock tone was sellers at 24 1/8 December and 24 7/16 January, buyers at 24 5/8 Cash and 24 1/2 January.

Shanghai Market
Sterling opened with sellers for Spot at 43/4 and U.S. Dollars at 7.13/16. At the close sellers were quoted at 45 1/8 for Spot and Dollars at 7 7/8 for Spot.

Afternoon Market
The market was quiet in the afternoon, the tone was steady.

Sterling
The market closed with sellers at 1/215/16 December, 1/229/32 January and 1/217/8 February/March, buyers at 1/231/32 Cash, and 1/215/16 probably February.

U.S. Dollars
The market closed with sellers at 24 1/8 December and 24 7/16 January, buyers at 24 5/8 Cash and 24 1/2 probably January.

Shanghai Market
Sellers for Spot at 42 5/32 and U.S. Dollars at 7 27/32 for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange
Shanghai, Dec. 28 (Reuter). Official T.T. Rates

London	0/4-1/4
New York	8-7/8
Japan	28-1/4
India	23-1/2
Paris	3.11
Hongkong	28-1/4
Sellers	
Opening	Closing
Spot	0/4-51/64 0/4-25/32
Dec.	0/4-51/64 0/4-25/32
Jan.	0/4-47/64 0/4-45/64
U.S. Dollars	
Spot	\$7-7/8 \$7-27/32
Dec.	7-7/8 7-27/32
Jan.	7-23/32 7-21/32

Market—Quiet but steady.

Merchant Rates
Sterling, 0/4-3/4.
U.S. Dollars, \$7-13/16.
Silver Duty Rate
The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d., unchanged from yesterday.

The Equalisation rate was 19 per cent.

New York Exchange
New York, Dec. 27 (Reuter). T.T. on London (Opening Rate). 394-3/8.

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COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW
(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

SINGAPORE RUBBER				
Previous close December 27				
Buyers				
S P O T	38-1/2	38-3/4	38-5/8	Change up 1/8
JAN-MARCH	38-3/8	38-5/8	38-3/8	unch.
APRIL-JUNE	36-1/2	36-3/4	36-1/2	unch.

The market was slightly easier.

LONDON RUBBER				
Previous close December 27				
Buyers				
S P O T	11-5/8	11-3/4	11-5/8	Change up 1/8
JAN-MARCH	11-5/8	11-11/16	11-5/8	up 1/16
APRIL-JUNE	11-9/16	11-5/8	11-5/8	up 1/16

The market was quietly steady.

NEW YORK COTTON: There was some moderate hedging and liquidation. Trade demand was smaller and outside interest was less aggressive. Spots were inactive but prices held firm. Textiles were in good demand at under market prices but the mills are holding to the recent price levels.

NEW YORK RUBBER: Persistent December liquidation met with poor support. The firmness of the London and the primary markets was ignored.

CHICAGO WHEAT: Reported good flour business was offset by reports of further precipitation in the drought sections. The firmness of the Canadian markets was ignored here.

CHICAGO CORN: There are reports of cold weather in the main domestic belt. Good export demand had a stimulating effect.

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 149.27; Today's close, 148.52; Change, off 75.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(By Courtesy of Messrs. Swan, Culbertson & Fritz and S. E. Levy & Company)

New York Cotton, Mar.				
High	Low	Close	Change	
10.90	10.81	10.89	10.90	.01 up
New York Rubber, Mar.				
19.10	19.00	19.13	19.02b	.11 off
Chicago Wheat, May				
103 1/2	103 1/4	103 1/2	102 1/2	1 off
Chicago Corn, May				
59	58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2	unch.
New York, Hides, Mar.				
15.00	14.88	15.00b	15.00	unch.

NEW YORK COTTON Close Opening Closing Change
January 11.00/00 11.05/05 11.00/00 unch.
March 10.89/89 10.89/89 10.89/90 .01 up
May 10.57/58 10.54/53 10.54/54 .03 off
July 10.14/14 10.11/13 10.11/13 .03 off
Oct (New contract) 10.35/35 10.34/34 10.33 N .02 off
October 9.63/63 9.65/63 9.66/68 .03 up
December 9.54 N 9.57/55 9.60/60 .06 up
Spot 11.29 N 11.26 N .03 off

Volume (in contract of 100 bales each) 49,300 bales

NOTE: January cotton, last notice day: 17-1-1940.

NEW YORK RUBBER				
December	20.08/08	19.72/72	1.08	off
March	19.13/14	18.75/75	19.02b/04a	0.11 off
May	18.85b/90a	18.75/75	18.70/75	0.15 off
July	18.55b/60a	18.40b/63a	18.51/59	0.04 off
September	18.40b/45a	18.28/40		0.12 off

Total sales for the day: 2,000 tons.

CHICAGO WHEAT				
May	103 1/2/103 1/2	102 1/2/102 1/2	1	off
July	101 1/2/101 1/2	100 1/2/100 1/2	1	off
September	100 1/2/100 1/2	99 1/2/99 1/2	1	off

Tuesday's sales: 28,763,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN				
May	58 1/2/58 1/2	58 1/2/58 1/2		unch.
July	59/59	59/59		
September	59 1/2/59 1/2	59 1/2/59 1/2		

WINNIPEG WHEAT				
December	84 b	85 b	1	up
May	87 1/2/87 1/2	88 1/2/88 1/2	1	up
July	88 1/2/88 1/2	89 A	1	up

NEW YORK HIDES				
March	15.00b/04a	15.00/14.98	15.00/00	unch.
June	15.32/32	15.30/28	15.29/30	.03 off
New York, Official	34-3/4	34-3/4		
NY-London Cross Rate	3.94-7/8	3.94-7/8		

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

London: December 27
The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

War Loan, 3 1/2% (Red after 1952)	93 1/2
London-K'loon Rly. 5% 1917	17
Chinese 4 1/2% Gold Loan, 1898 (Brit. Issue)	56
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47	48
Chin. 4 1/2% Anglo-French Loan, 1908	45
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1912	25
Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.)	35 1/2
Chinese 8% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers)	13
Chin. Imperial Rly. 5% Loan	55
Loan Rly. 5%	45 1/2
Yukang Rly. 5%, 1911	17
Yukang Rly. 5%, 1911 (German Issue)	16
Yung Tsing & U. Hai Rly. 5% 1913	18
Yun-N'king Rly. 5%	20
Camell Laird, ord.	5/8
Mexican Eagle	5/8
Courtaulds	37 1/4
Distillers	65/8
Dunlop Rubber	30/3
Gen. Electric (England)	74 7/8
Guinness (A) Son & Co.	82

Calcutta Exchange
Calcutta, Dec. 27 (Reuter). T.T. on Japan, 80-3/8.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE QUOTATION

STOCKS				
Last Sale Dec. 27				
Adams Express	7 1/2	Lahey Foundry & Mac.	4	
Allegheny Steel Co.	20	Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	50 1/2	
Allied Stores	8 1/2	Lockheed Aircraft	31 1/2	
Allis Chalmers	38 1/2	Loew's Inc.	35 1/2	
Aluminum Ltd.	96	Mack Truck Inc.	27 1/2	
Amesha Corp.		Manhattan Shirt Co.		
Amer. Can.	11 1/2	Martin, Glen L.	39 1/2	
American Cyanamid B.	33 1/2	McKesson & Robbins, pfd.		
Amer. & Foreign Power	1 1/2	Montanto Chemical	105 1/2	
Amer. & Foreign 7 1/2 pfd.	23 1/2	Montgomery Ward	53 1/2	
American Gas & Elec.	37 1/2	National Aviation	12 1/2	
Amer. Locomotive	20 1/2	Nat. Dairy Products	16 1/2	
Amer. Metals Co.	23	Nat. Distillers	23 1/2	
Amer. Radiator	9 1/2	National Gypsum	10 1/2	
Amer. Rolling Mill	15 1/2	National Lead	19 1/2	
Amer. S'ing and F'ing Co.	50	Nat. Power & Light	8 1/2	
Amer. Sugar Refining	19 1/2	National Steel Corp.	69 1/2	
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	170 1/2	Nat. Supply Corp.	8 1/2	
Amer. Tobacco "B"	85	New York Central	17 1/2	
Amer. Waterworks	1 1/2	Niagara Hudson Power	5 1/2	
Anacosta Copper	29 1/2	N. American Aviation	25 1/2	
Atchafalpa, T. & S. Fe.	23 1/2	North American Co.	21 1/2	
Auburn Motors	22	Northern Pacific	8 1/2	
Baltimore & Ohio	—	Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	62	
Barber Asphalt Co.	14 1/2	Pacific Gas & Elec.	33 1/2	
Barnsdall Oil	12 1/2	Pacific Lighting	48	
Bendix Aviation	30	Packard Motors	7 1/2	
Bethlehem Steel	70 1/2	Paramount Pictures	7 1/2	
Bliss & Co.	13 1/2	Pennsylvania R.R.	22 1/2	
Boeing Airplane Co.	21 1/2	Phelps-Dodge	40 1/2	
Borg-Warner	24 1/2	Phillips Petroleum	40 1/2	
Biggs Manufacturing	21 1/2	Pittsburgh Coke & Iron	7 1/2	
Brooklyn-Manhattan Trans.	13 1/2	Public Service of N.J.	39 1/2	
Brooklyn-Manhattan 58	48 1/2	Pullman Inc.	30 1/2	
Canadian Pacific Rwy.	48	Pure Oil	7 1/2	
Case J. I.	70 1/2	Radio Corp. of Am.	15	
Celanese	29	Reading Company, Com.	25 1/2	
Chesapeake & Ohio	38 1/2	Reading Company, 1st pfd.	44 1/2	
Chrysler Corp.	88 1/2	Remington Arms Co., Inc.	5 1/2	
Climax Molybdenum Co.	39 1/2	Republic Aviation Corp.	5 1/2	
Colts Patent Fire-Arms	79 1/2	Republic Steel	22 1/2	
Columbia Gas & El.	6 1/2	Revere Cop. & Brass Inc.	38 1/2	
Columbia 6% "A" pfd.	86 1/2	Reynold Tobac. "B"	13 1/2	
Commercial Credit Co.	45 1/2	Richfield Oil	7 1/2	
Com. & Southern (ord)	1 1/2	Safeway Stores	46	
Consolidated Edison	29 1/2	Schenley Distillers	11 1/2	
Continental Can	7 1/2	Schenley Distillers 5 1/2 pfd.	82 1/2	
Continental Oil	22 1/2	Shell Union Oil	12 1/2	
Copperweld Steel	16 1/2	Soco-Vacuum Oil	11 1/2	
Corn Products	61 1/2	Southern Pacific	14 1/2	
Curtiss Wright (C.)	104	Southern Rly 5 1/2 pfd.	32 1/2	
Curtiss Wright "A"	23 1/2	Sperry	45 1/2	
Deere & Co.	23 1/2	Spicer Manufacturing Co.	33 1/2	
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	18 1/2	Standard Brands	5 1/2	
Douglas Aircraft	81 1/2	Stand Gas & Elec.	2	
Du Pont de Nemours	179 1/2	Standard Oil of California	24 1/2	
Eagle Picher Lead	11	Standard Oil of N.J.	44	
Eaton Mfg. Co.	28 1/2	Stone & Webster	11 1/2	
Elec. Autolite	36 1/2	Studebaker Com.	9	
Elec. Bond & Share	7 1/2	Swift International	31	
Elec. Bond & Share 5 1/2 pfd.	58 1/2	Technicolor	12	
Elec. Bond & Share 5 1/2 pfd.	67 1/2	Texas Corp.	43 1/2	
Elec. Power & Light 7 1/2 pfd.	30 1/2	Texas Gulf Sulphur	32 1/2	
Flintkote	19 1/2	Trans-America Co.	6	
Gen. American Trans.	55 1/2	20th Cent. Fox	124	
Gen. Electric	39 1/2	20th Cent. Fox 5 1/2 pfd.	24 1/2	
Gen. Motors	54 1/2	Union Carbide & Carbon	87 1/2	
Gen. Railway Signal	17 1/2	United Pacific	93 1/2	
Gen. Tire & Rubber	21 1/2	United Aircraft	47 1/2	
Glidden Co.	17 1/2	United Airlines Trans.	14 1/2	
Goodrich (B.F.)	19 1/2	United Corp.	2 1/2	
Goodrich 5 1/2 pfd.	64 1/2	United Corp. 3 1/2 cum pfd.	38	
Goodyear Tire & Co.	17 1/2	United Gas Corp.	1 1/2	
Great Northern Iron Ore	23 1/2	United Gas Improvement	14 1/2	
Great Northern Rly. pfd.	25 1/2	U.S. Industrial Alcohol	24	
Great Western Sugar	28 1/2	U.S. Rubber	40 1/2	
Greyhound Corp.	18 1/2	U.S. Rubber 8 1/2 pfd.	11 1/2	
Hercules Powder Co.	88 1/2	U.S. Steel	65 1/2	
Homestake Mining	59 1/2	Vanadium	32 1/2	
International Harvester	59 1/2	Walworth Co.	58	
Int. Nickel	38	Warner Bros. Pict.	3 1/2	
J. & Tel. & Tel.	44	Westinghouse Elec.	115 1/2	
John-Manville	73 1/2	Westwood Iron Cor.	23 1/2	
J. & Laughlin Steel 7 1/2 pfd.	63 1/2	Chase National Bank	—	
Kennecott Copper	37	National City Bank	—	

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DOW JONES AVERAGE

1939					Dec. 29, 1939			
High	Low	Dow	Jones Average	Dec. 26,	High	Low	Close	Change
156.93	151.41	30	Industrial	149.27	149.51	147.98	148.52	.75 off
35.90	34.14	30	Rails	31.37	31.35	30.78	30.99	.36 off
97.07	90.70	40	Utilities	84.91	85.03	84.83	84.85	.06 off
72.23	64.51	40	Bonds	89.09			88.90	.19 off
65.67	46.59	11	Commodity Index	63.64			62.96	.68 off
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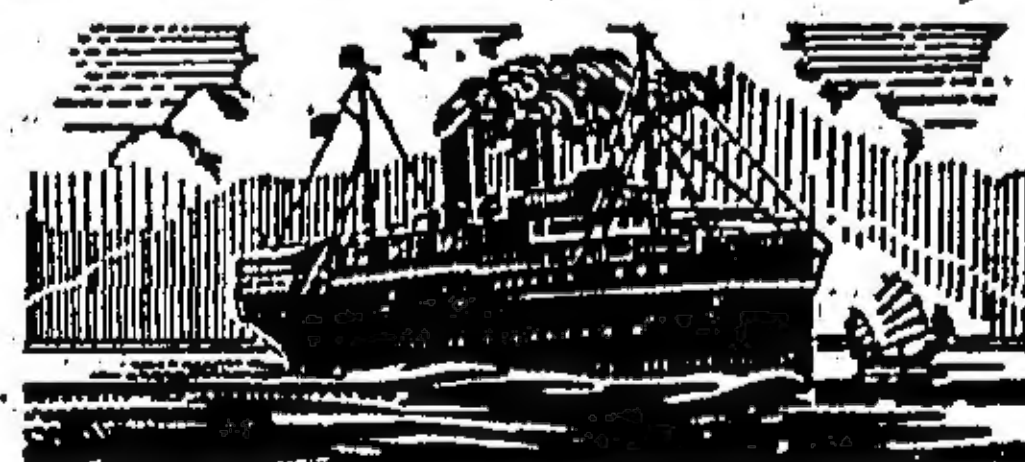
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French Navy Sink Two U-Boats

PARIS, Dec. 28 (Reuter)—The sinking of two more U-Boats was officially announced in a French communique issued last night. The submarine were sunk by French naval patrol craft.

WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory
10 a.m., Dec. 28
Barometer, (at sea level), 30.36 ins.
Temperature, 63 F.
Humidity, 61 per cent.
Wind Direction, ENE.
Wind Force (Beaufort), 3.
Temperature, maximum yesterday 68 F.
Temperature, minimum last night 53 F.
Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10 a.m. today, nil.
Total rainfall since January 1st 86.70 ins.
Against an average of 85.02 ins.
Sunset tonight, 5.47 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 7.02 a.m.
4 p.m., December 28.
Barometer (at sea level), 30.25 ins.
Temperature, 64 F.
Humidity, 59 per cent.
Wind Direction, E/S.
Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.
Maximum temperature, 68 F.
Minimum temperature, 56 F.
Rainfall, nil.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 29 Dec. 1939 to 4 Jan. 1940

HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
Days of Week	Time	Days of Week	Time
Fri.	12.08	Sat.	12.08
Sat.	12.08	Sun.	12.08
Sun.	12.08	Mon.	12.08
Mon.	12.08	Tue.	12.08
Tue.	12.08	Wed.	12.08
Wed.	12.08	Thur.	12.08
Thur.	12.08	Fri.	12.08

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GRAF SPEE ECHO: NAZI PROTEST REJECTED

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 28 (Reuter)

The rejection of Germany's protest against the internment of the crew of the Graf Spee is contained in a long memorandum published by the Argentine Government.

In which the refusal is justified under article XIII of the Hague Convention of 1907.

It is pointed out that the pocket-

CREW OF MINED SHIP PICKED UP

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter)

Seven members of the crew of the small Norwegian steamer which was mined in the North Sea yesterday have been picked up.

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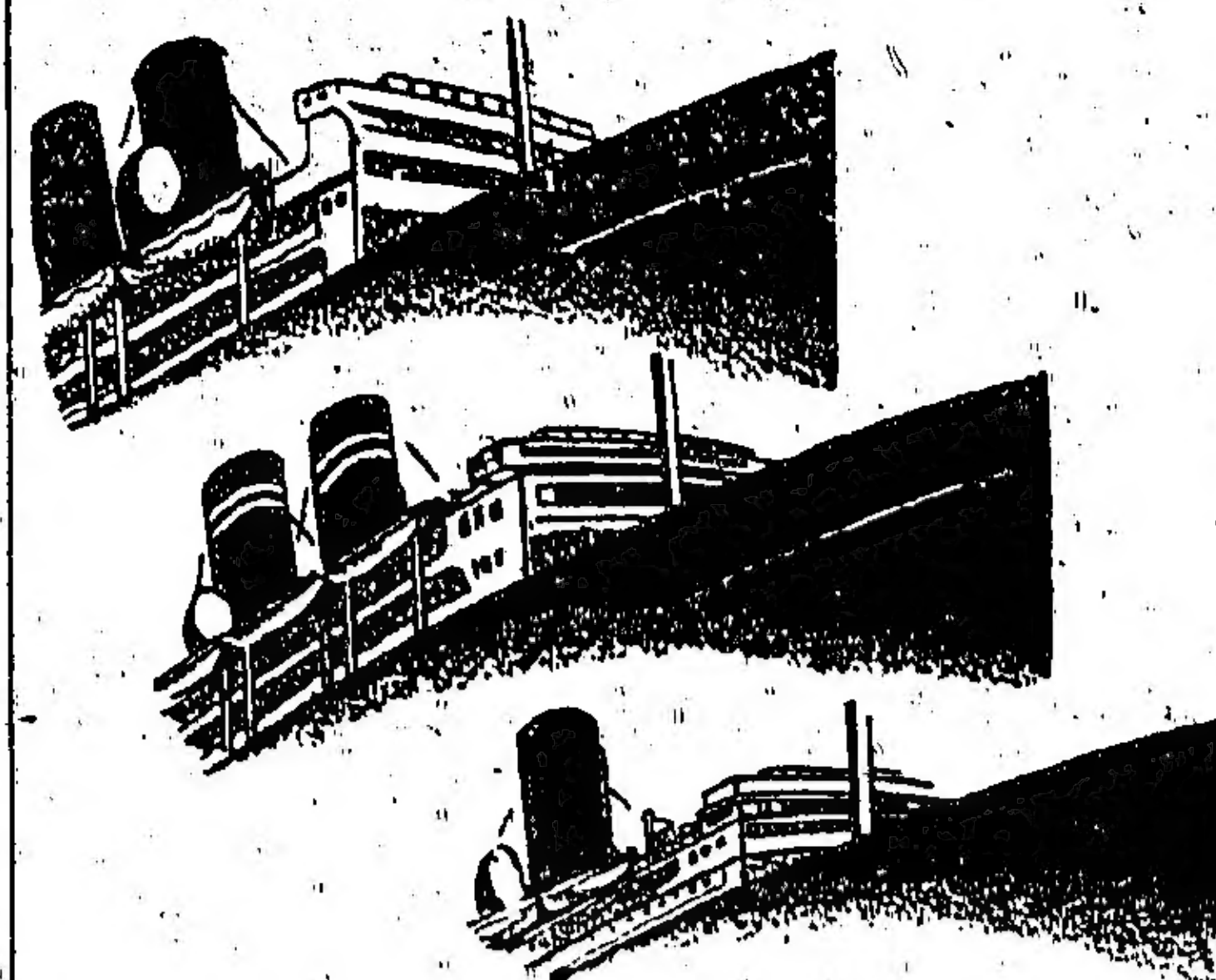
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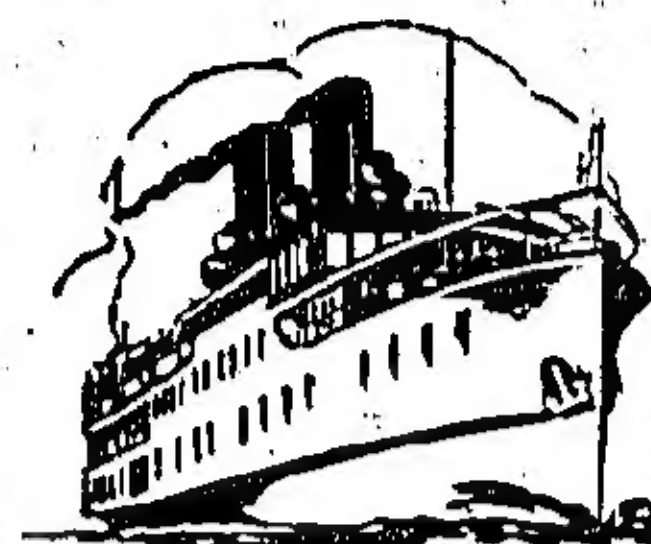
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Death Of Old Portuguese Resident

MR. MANUEL A. DE FIGUEIREDO

The death occurred yesterday at 3.20 a.m., at his residence, 65, Waterloo Road, Kowloon, of Mr. Manuel Augusto de Figueiredo, aged 63.

Deceased, who is survived by his wife, son, daughter-in-law and a grand-daughter, had been ill for almost a year.

He was in his earlier years employed at Messrs. Shewan Tomes and Co., in Canton and Hongkong and later joined the Green Island Cement Co., where he worked for a number of years in a position of trust.

In his younger years he was a keen sports man and was a member of the Lusitano Club which flew its flag at half-mast yesterday.

THE FUNERAL

The funeral took place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery yesterday afternoon. The Rev. Fr. Granelli officiated at the graveside.

Besides the chief mourners, others present were:—Messrs. J. H. Taggart, P. H. Suckling, R. Taylor, J. M. Hood, J. M. Eca, J. C. Gutierrez, E. Antonio, J. G. Aquino, A. M. L. Soares, S. Marcal, A. J. C. da Rocha, F. L. Silva, C. Vas, A. F. Osmund, F. M. P. Graca, F. G. M. Costa, L. V. Xavier, A. J. M. Rodrigues, M. P. Baptista, H. L. Barros, E. A. Noronha, F. E. Silva, A. V. Gosano, D. L. Silva, F. C. Laurel, L. A. Barton, L. E. Gutierrez, C. M. Correa, J. Rebelo, L. Xavier, J. E. Noronha, F. P. Sequeira, M. M. Soares, C. R. Silva, C. P. Xavier and many others.

THE WREATHS

Wreaths were sent by the following:—
Amalia, Mensi and daughter, Dolores, Alvares, Maria Carvalho Alvares, Herminda, Maria, Mimie and Emilia, Rose, Pat and Frank. All Ranks, Portuguese Company, H.K.V.D.C., the Chairman, Board of Directors and Staff of the Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., Shewan Tomes and Co., Ltd., and many others.

MR. J. P. ULDERUP

The funeral took place at the Colonial Cemetery yesterday, of Mr. J. P. Ulderup, who died at the Hongkong Club on Tuesday night. The Rev. J. Nielson, of the Norwegian-Seamen's Missions, officiated at the graveside.

Those present were:—Messrs. F. J. Neil, J. Sweeney, T. Ramsay, J. Crookdake, H. H. Skett, J. J. Cameron, J. Russell, G. Wittichell, T. H. G. Brayfield, S. Gray, J. Proven, R. Lapsley, Kaufholz, Pearson, W. G. M. Wilson, Heilvelg, Captain Thaysen, Messrs. Ormosen, B. J. Lacon, H. C. Tsu, K. Kasimann, Mrs. H. Hoch, Messrs. F. H. Loseby, J. A. Fraser, H. L. Decker and E. Cock.

Many wreaths were sent.

NAZI ARCHITECT'S MISSION TO POLAND

BERNE, Dec. 28 (Havas)—with a mission "to remove the stain of cubist and 'semite' art with which the Poles spoiled the essentially German city of Posen," Herr Speer, noted German architect and urbanist, formerly in charge of the Berlin Embellishment Programme, left for Poland reports a Berlin correspondent.

The correspondent simultaneously reveals that all building activity has been suspended in Berlin on account of the lack of labour.

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Havas)—Christmas presents from French women to children of British sailors killed in action arrived here and were delivered by British sailors on leave. Each child received four or five toys.

A reception was held at the Chinese Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon, in honour of the Chinese delegates, Messrs. Chien Shih-fah, Chan Cheuk-hung and Hui Koon-chi, who are proceeding to the Straits and America on a comfort mission. They arrived from Shikwan recently. There was a large gathering present at the reception.

Sentence of 12 months' hard labour was imposed on Tam Fui, 48, unemployed, by Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Court yesterday for the theft of \$83 from Man Wai-tong in Des Voeux Road West.

BUS FACILITIES FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Kowloon Residents' Assn. Deplore Cancellation Of Family Tickets

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association was held in St. Andrew's Church Hall on Tuesday of last week, Major C. M. Manners, O.B.E., the President, being in the chair.

Among those present were: Hon. Mr. L. D'Almada e Castro, Jr., Messrs. R. H. Wong, R. Baldwin, Li Chor-chi, I. N. Murray, R. Pestonji, D. O. Silver, B. Wylie, C. E. Terry, Rev. Fr. A. Granelli and Rev. J. R. Higgs.

The President extended a welcome to Mr. Wylie on his return from home leave and expressed the pleasure of the Committee in seeing him back with them.

TREASURER'S REPORT

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, the Hon. Treasurer's report was presented and approved.

This showed, inter alia, that four new members had joined during the month, making a total for the year of 54 new members. Subscriptions collected to date amounted to \$648 and the credit balance of the Association was \$1,150.08.

Correspondence dealt with included letters to the Kowloon Tong Garden City Association regarding the nuisance occasioned in Kowloon Tong by overhanging trees; to the D.A.A.G., China Command, in regard to a nuisance occasioned to residents in the Jordan Road area; and to the Hongkong & Yau-mat Ferry Co. and the "Star" Ferry Co. in regard to life-saving appliances on ferries.

BUS TICKETS

In reply to a letter from the Association asking for particulars of the proposed alteration in children's bus tickets the Kowloon Motor Bus Co. furnished full details of the proposed scheme.

They stated that, in view of established facts and other evidence all pointing to the

necessity of more control over the use of these privilege tickets they had decided, rather than to adopt the alternative of total cancellation of the issue of school children's tickets, to limit the number of rides to eight per day.

BOOK OF TICKETS

Consequently, instead of issuing one ticket as heretofore, a book of tickets with days of the month (Sunday omitted) printed thereon will be issued.

The holder will be required to produce the entire book to the conductor, for punching on each trip, and four additional trips will be provided on the cover of the book to enable the holder to travel for renewing the ticket.

These tickets would come into force on January 1, 1940, and the Bus Company further stated that the sale of family school children tickets would be discontinued from that date.

COMMITTEE'S DECISION

The proposed revised ticket was thoroughly considered by the Committee and it was unanimously agreed that the allowance of eight rides per day was adequate even for children who necessarily have to use two different routes.

It was felt, however, that the withdrawal of the family ticket privilege would constitute a hardship to parents of large families who were least able to afford it, and it was, therefore, decided to deplore this cancellation and to request further consideration thereof by the Bus Company.

It was noted with pleasure that additional rolling stock was expected to arrive from England soon which should materially reduce the present congestion.

FERRY TERMINUS

In reply to a suggestion from the Association that the berths at the Ferry Terminus should be numbered in proper numerical order, the Bus Company pointed out that this was impracticable inasmuch as the longest berths were necessarily assigned to routes carrying the largest and most buses.

A plan of the layout was considered by the Committee and the Bus Company's explanation accepted as being correct and reasonable.

STREET CLEANSING

The question of street cleansing by means of watering was again brought before the Committee. Reference was made to recent proposals in this regard by the Hon. D. M. S. at an Urban Council meeting which failed even to secure a second. It was unanimously agreed that the Association should renew its efforts, which have now extended over many years, to obtain the reintroduction of this much needed amenity.

UNITED SERVICES FOOTBALL XI

The following have been selected to represent United Services in a soccer match against the Rest of the Colony at 4 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 1, 1940, at the Navy ground, in aid of the B.W.O.F.—Robinson (Navy), Hill (Service Corps), Sheehy (Middlesex), Freshwater (Middlesex), Layl (Navy), Wilkinson (Middlesex), Phippens (Navy), Thorburn (Navy), Hossack (Royal Scots), Saw (Middlesex), Duffield (R.A.O.C.), Reserves.—Moxham (R.E.), Handy (Navy), Rides (R.A.O.C.), Pearson (Middlesex).

The Rest team is:—Cheung Wing-choi (South China "B"); Lee Tin-sang (South China "A"); Blackburn (Police); Leung Wing-chiu (South China "A"); Forrow (Club), Hsu King-sing (Eastern); Fowler (Club), Fung King-cheong (South China "A"), Lee Wai-tong (South China "A"), (Capt.), A. V. Gosano (St. Joseph's), and Hau Ching-to (Eastern).
Reserves: Ulrich (Kowloon), E. Strange (Club), Maxwell (Kowloon), Chan Tak-fat (South China "B") and Cheuk Shek-kam (Kwong Wah).

STATISTICS SOCIETY IN CHUNGKING

CHUNGKING, Dec. 28 (Central)—The Chinese Statistics Society held its ninth annual meeting here today. The chief topic of discussion is "Statistics and Reconstruction."

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, 29th DECEMBER, 1939, 9.30 A.M.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY

On Monday, the 1st January 1940, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m., Sheungwan Branch Post Office will be open from 8.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m., and the other Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed. There will be one collection from the pillar-boxes, as on Sundays and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at 10.00 a.m.

The Branch Post Offices at Stanley, Tai Po and Un Long will also have one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11.00 a.m. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

INWARD MAILS

From	Due
U. S. A., Honolulu, Japan and Manila (San Francisco date, 3rd December)	29th Dec.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco Date, 19th December.	29th Dec.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 20th Dec.	29th Dec.
Canton	29th Dec.
Shanghai	29th Dec.
Sandakan	29th Dec.
Straits	30th Dec.
Shanghai	30th Dec.
Japan and Shanghai	30th Dec.
Shanghai	31st Dec.
Shanghai	31st Dec.
Shanghai and Amoy	31st Dec.
Straits and Saigon	31st Dec.
Japan, Shanghai and Formosa	31st Dec.
Japan	31st Dec.
London and Straits	31st Dec.
Shanghai	1st Jan.
Bangkok, Saigon and Tourane	1st Jan.
Haiphong, Hoihow & Fort Bayard	1st Jan.
Straits	1st Jan.
Haiphong and Hoihow	1st Jan.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 23rd December.	2nd Jan.
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date 27th December.	3rd Jan.
U. S. A. & Manila (San Francisco date, 9th December 1939)	3rd Jan.
Japan	3rd Jan.
Java and Manila	3rd Jan.
Straits and Manila	3rd Jan.
Canada, U.S.A. Japan and Shanghai — (Vancouver B. C. date 16th December)	4th Jan.
Japan and Shanghai	4th Jan.
Shanghai	4th Jan.
Shanghai	5th Jan.
Calcutta and Straits	5th Jan.
U. S. A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 15th December 1939)	5th Jan.
Straits and Saigon	6th Jan.
Japan	6th Jan.
Rabaul and Manila	6th Jan.
Haiphong	7th Jan.
Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 18th November)	7th Jan.
Shanghai	8th Jan.
Tientsin	10th Jan.

OUTWARD MAILS

Registered and Parcel Mail are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

For	Date and Time
FRIDAY	Fri. 29th
Bangkok	8.30 AM
Fort Bayard	8.30 AM
Sandakan	8.30 AM
Parcels only for Tientsin	10.30 AM
Amoy	11.30 AM
Bangkok	1.30 PM
Parcels only for Haiphong	1.30 PM
Saigon, Sandakan, Madang, Salamau, and Tulagi	1.30 PM
Japan	3.30 PM
SATURDAY	Sat. 30th
K.P.O.	Reg. 29th 5.00 PM
Ord. 29th 5.30 PM	G.P.O.
Airmail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U. S. A. by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco 5th January	Reg. 29th 5.00 PM
Ord. 29th 7.30 AM	G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Par. 29th 5.00 PM	Reg. 29th 5.00 PM
Ord. 30th 8.30 AM	G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Manila, Rabaul, Australia, and New Zealand via Brisbane—due Brisbane 16th Jan.	Reg. 29th 5.00 PM
Ord. 30th 8.30 AM	G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Suez and London Parcels—due London, 6th February	Reg. 29th 5.00 PM
Saigon	10.30 AM
Shanghai, Honolulu, U. S. A., Central and South America and Canada via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada)—due San Francisco, 17th January 1940	Reg. 29th 5.00 PM
Formosa, and Japan	1.30 PM
Haiphong	2.00 PM
Amoy	2.30 PM
Shanghai	2.30 PM
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London 7th Jan.	G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Reg. 5.00 PM	Ord. 5.30 PM
G.P.O. & K.P.O.	Reg. 5.00 PM
Ord. 5.30 PM	Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 29th January 1940
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa	Reg. 1/1, 8.45 AM
Ord. 1/1, 8.30 AM	SUNDAY
SUNDAY	Sun. 31st
Canton	7.15 AM
Shanghai	9.00 AM
MONDAY	Mon. Jan. 1st
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 30th January and London Parcels—due London, 6th February	G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Par. 30/12 5.00 PM	Reg. 1/1, 8.45 AM
Ord. 1/1, 8.30 AM	

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